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South China Likely To Receive Ample Prior Warning

KWANGSI ARMY IN VICINITY OF TSINGTAO

Tsingtao, 2 p.m. To-day.

Following the destruction of Japanese mill property in Tsingtao, two divisions of Kwangsi troops, under the command of General Li Tsung-jen are reported to be in close proximity to the town.

Despite the excitement created by the sudden decision of the authorities to destroy Japanese property, a calm atmosphere now prevails, though there is, in foreign quarters, a belief that the action, inspired by the Nanking Government, is not likely to be allowed to pass without sharp Japanese reprisal in some form or other.

No other foreign property has been damaged in Tsingtao and there is no sign of other than anti-Japanese sentiment.

HEAVY LOSS

It is calculated that in the destruction of nine large cotton mills and other Japanese factories, the Japanese have lost an investment of at least 200,000,000 yen.

It is understood that Admiral Shen Hung-lieh first received orders to destroy the Japanese factories in November, but he failed to comply until fresh instructions were received during the week-end, with the endorsement of General Han Fu-chu. — Our Own Correspondent.

U.S. EMBASSY TRANSFERRING TO SHANGHAI

Hankow, To-day.

It is learned here that the American Embassy is following the example of the British and will transfer temporarily to Shanghai.

One member of the Embassy staff will proceed to Chungking to maintain contact with the Chinese Foreign Office, which is being transferred shortly to Chungking.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the

MARINES VISIT TO BI IS BAY CAUSE OF RUMOUR

Canton, To-day.

An exploratory landing by a small party of Japanese bluejackets is believed to have given rise to the rumours of the commencement of Japanese military operations in South China.

Well-informed quarters here believe that Hong Kong and Canton are assured of a comparatively peaceful Christmas, as there is no official anxiety on the score that any large-scale attack will be launched before the New Year.

There is no evidence that the troops which left Shanghai in transport last week proceeded south. On the contrary, reliable reports state that all the transports went up the Yangtze River.

In any event, Kwangtung's military experts do not believe that the invasion, if and when it comes, will have its main attack from the Bias Bay region.

Japanese naval activities in the Toishan District are taken to indicate that the plan of operations envisages an ultimate attack from this area through the Chungshan District.

WARNING WILL BE AMPLE

Ample warning of its imminence are to be expected, furthermore, in an intensification of air attacks.

SNIPERS ACTIVE IN NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

A remarkable story, coming from Japanese quarters, is circulating in Shanghai, to the effect that there are still several thousand Chinese troops under arms in Nanking.

The troops, it is stated, are playing the role of snipers and are causing the Japanese a lot of worry. — Trans-Ocean.

United States Ambassador, will proceed to Shanghai. It is not known yet what mode of conveyance will be chosen, but it is expected that the Ambassador will travel via Hong Kong. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPAN DEBATES POSITION OF HONG KONG

Tokyo, 2.15 p.m. To-day.

It is reported in reliable quarters here that the position of Hong Kong in proposed operations in South China was an important factor in the discussions over the week-end between the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters, causing the postponement of the War Council.

The conflict was alleged to lie between the civilian members of the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters, the rumour stating that Imperial Headquarters had taken the view that Hong Kong could not be wholly excluded from the scope of naval control. The civilian group were opposed to any steps that might involve a conflict with Britain over Hong Kong.

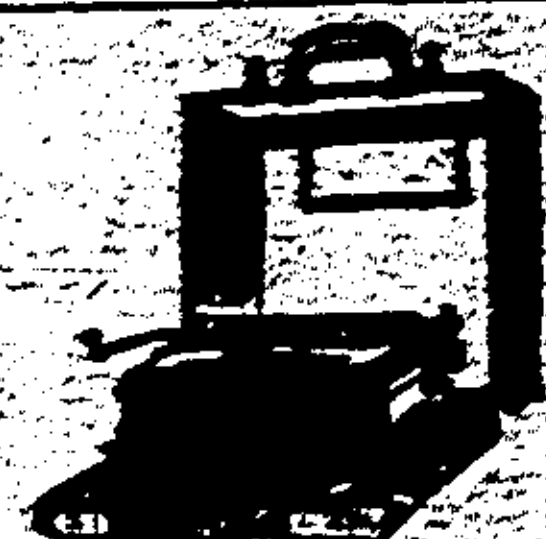
Prince Konoye's visit to the Emperor indicates that an agreement has now been reached, but the nature of the compromise is not known. — Our Own Correspondent.



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BOY ADVISES GIRL... By George Antheil

YOU CAN'T PET AND WED!

SO—Elizabeth wants to know how practically all girls had had their first kiss well before they were eighteen years old. Most of them reaction to girls more trusting than had their first boy friends when they were fifteen.

She shall know. Here goes.

For a man to look at this from a scientific viewpoint and tell her the whys and wherefores of the popularity of this pastime, is not what she's after so much as its connection with marriage appeal.

The prevalence of petting, and its many bad effects, is one of the reasons I so heartily endorse early marriage.

Do I sound an old fogey? Like grandma would say—

"Terrible! I never kissed any man until your grandpa and I were engaged."

But what about to-day?

A recent inquiry showed that

This does not answer the question about petting, but it does reveal that it is quite general.

I think everyone will admit that there is no question of propriety or anything else raised over the petting of engaged couples.

Kisses and embraces are a natural and even sacred part of courtship. Of such is spun the glistening web of romance—the glorious days which are ever rosy in every woman's memory.

In general, however, petting is a pretty vicious thing no matter how open-mindedly one considers it.

A girl who pets all over the place might just as well "go-all-the-way"

'Elizabeth' is a girl-reader. George Antheil is a man who tells girls a few things about love. 'Elizabeth' wants to know what does he think of petting? And George Antheil answers—

as far as we fellows are concerned, for we know that if we marry her she'll still have that particular and acquired taste for many men.

That good old intuition you girls all possess makes you dubious about the petting problem—or else why all the discussion?

Girls, let me put you wise. Men have put one over on you.

Yes, smart and modern and independent as you are, the girls who believe that they must "pet to be

popular" have been taken in. Of course, only a small group of men—of the shoddy-brained variety we have always among us—does the hoodwinking.

But there's not a man alive who won't try to discover how hard a girl has fallen for the petting sales-talk of another man.

And he'll always take advantage of it—that's human, you know.

And alas, men, even the best of them—no matter how much you kid yourselves they don't talk—will pass the word along that "So-and-so goes all out for petting."

Except that usually they don't phrase it so delicately.

And then—her chances zoom way down on the marriage appeal chart.

Men "go" for promiscuous women—make no mistake about that—but they also talk about them.

Petting promiscuity shatters illusions. Love and romance live on illusions. Right or wrong, most men still think along rather one-sided lines—and those one-sided lines demand one-man women.

They do like girls with S.A., but—as I've said before—the girl will concentrate on marriage appeal. While you're young and frivolous, you may feel that you want some fun—which means that you want a certain amount of petting.

But surely it's better to miss the fun of the moment and plan for the life-long happiness which a successful marriage brings?

A girl who's known as a petter finds men rushing her for dates while she frightens them away—from marriage.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Barnabas von Cecy and His Orchestra and Kitty Masters (Vocal).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.00-8.05 p.m.—European Programme.
8.05-11.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5.00 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6.30 p.m.—Children's Records.
6.45 p.m.—D'Indy—Suite For Flute, Violin, Viola, Violoncello And Harp, Op. 91.
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7.02 p.m.—A short concert by Derek Oldham (Tenor) and Essie Ackland (Contralto).
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7.25 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestral—
'Going Greek' Selection.
New Mayfair Orchestra.
Vocal—
A Fine Romance.
Bojangles Of Harlem (film 'Swing Time').
Fred Astaire.
Dance Orchestra—
Footin' Myself—Fox-Trot.
Harry Roy and His Orchestra.
Vocal—
Goodnight To You All (Denby-Watson).
You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret (O'Connor-Silver-de Murcia).....Morton Downey.
Cinema Organ—Famous Marches Medley.....Harold Ramsay.
Dance Orchestra—
She's My Lovely—Fox-Trot.
I'm Happy When You're Happy—Fox-Trot (from 'Hide and Seek').....Ronnie Munro & His Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Relay from the Ko Shing Theatre.

11 p.m.—Close down.
8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—Brahms—Concerto In B Flat Major, Op. 83. Played by Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.
8.55 p.m.—Selections from Puccini's Operas.
Madam Butterfly.
And Why Was He So Careful.
Rosetta Pampanini & Conchita Velasquez.
One Fine Day.....Rosetta Pampanini (Soprano).
Manon Lescaut—Intermezzo.
Milan Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lorenzo Molajoli.
La Fanciulla del West.
My Father Died Just Six Months Ago.
Let Her Believe That I have Gained My Freedom.....Alessandro Valente (Tenor).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Empire Exchange'.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass).
Lazini.
You Didn't Oughta Do Such Things (film 'Big Fella').
Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child (arr. Brown).
Poem (Minstrel Man). (Huges).
10 p.m.—Variety.
Violin—
Medley Of Hornpipes.
Medley Of Jigs.....Sean Nolan.
Comedienne—
Give Me A Heart To Sing To.
Frankie And Johnny (from the film).....Helen Morgan.
Vocal—The Quaker Girl—Vocal Gams (Mockton).....Light Opera Company.
Cinema Organ—
In A Bird Store (Lake).
In A Clock Store (Orff).
Terence Casey.
Accordeon—Bell Ringer, Fox-Trot.
Maurice Alexander.
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11 p.m.—Close down.

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9.10 a.m.—'This is England'.
9.25 a.m.—'Haunting Harmonies'.
9.35 a.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—'In Town To-night'.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Welsh Orchestra.
11.30 a.m.—Music Hall.
12.30 p.m.—Operatic Music.
1.15 p.m.—'Empire Exchange'.
1.30 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

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2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. 'Stradivarius'.
2.45 p.m.—'Music in African Life'.
3 p.m.—The Eastbourne Municipal Orchestra.
3.30 p.m.—'In Town To-night'.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Dance Music.
4.35 p.m.—Reginald Dixon, at the Organ of the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool.
5 p.m.—Close down.

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9.45 p.m.—Sports Review.
10 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Post-Mortems

Bridge players may be divided into those who regard the game as a pastime and take no serious interest in its technicalities, and earnest students who may rank as Standard I at the moment but dream of graduating into Standard VII some day. The first class hates post-mortems; the second enjoys them. The ordinary post-mortem is complicated by inaccurate or incomplete memory and by the fact that when the inquisition is conducted the fifty-two cards have been reassembled into a pack and are being shuffled by somebody. I marvel much that the less advanced student does not employ duplicate methods.

Recently, for example, I formed one of a four for six rubbers. The other three were earnest students in a somewhat embryonic stage, who regard me with wholly unmerited reverence. When the cards were put away my favourite student remarked, "Well, don't you think we were streets better to-night?" I ruefully consulted the back of my score-card and reported as follows: "We have missed six easy games, every one of which ought to have been called; we have missed one of the simplest grand slams that I ever met, and a perfectly straightforward small slam; twice a dealer has gone down four tricks without being doubled; and two penalty doubles failed to realise more than half of the available profit."

These missed opportunities were entirely due to an ardour which leads them to regard paying a friendly rubber under duplicate conditions as a grievous waste of time. So let me set out duplicate conditions for students. No cards are thrown into the centre of the table. The leader extracts a card from his thirteen and places it face upwards on the table in front of him, close to his own edge of the table. The other three treat their cards similarly in turn. When the trick is complete, the card is laid at the holder's edge of the table, face downwards, long ways if he and his partner lose the trick, tall ways if he and his partner win the trick. At the end bids

of the deal each player has his original thirteen cards arranged criss-cross before him. He picks them up when the score is agreed, resorts to them, and lays out his hand. The post-mortem can then be conducted on a basis of fact instead of by vague memories.

Even better practice is obtained by similar handling of the cards with the aid of a par score. A box of duplicate boards is obtained, together with a sufficient number of packs, and the services of a friend are obtained to fill the "boards" with as many deals from the record of some famous match. The records of the match will furnish expert bidding and the final result of each hand. The tyro will be astounded to find how wide of the "par" score many such hands will go, when tackled by ordinary club or family players. Yet a third method is to enlist the help of some fairly useful player as a fifth at the table, and let him offer suggestions and criticisms at the post-mortem of a dealt hand played in the "duplicate" method outlined at the start of this article.

Here, for example, is the small slam which was missed. South dealt at game all:—

NORTH
S—K Q J 9 x x
H—A Q J x
D—K
C—Q x
SOUTH
S—10
H—K x
D—A Q J 10, x x x
C—A K x

The actual auction was short and sweet—namely, South, ED; North, 3S (!); South, 5D. All pass. An expert commentator would automatically point out that in the approach forcing system (which N.S. were supposed to be playing), there is no such response as 3S over 1D; that with game assumed North's correct response is 2S; and that the auction suggests a slam attempt, while 7D can be made on any but a spade opening (and were so made), while 6D or 6S are both perfectly safe partner win the trick. At the end bids

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Saratoga," with Clark Gable and Jean Harlow. Laughs and tears, thrills and romance, mingle in this picture. A vivid story of the racetrack, with paddock intrigue, and a great race, unusual characters, in Bros. super productions.

which a delicate romance is woven, the play is an ideal one for these stars. They hate fight and love through an action-packed drama in which much whimsical comedy leavens the heavier moments.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"100 Men and a Girl," with Deanna Durbin, Adolphe Menjou and Alice Brady. A comedy drama with music featuring Deanna Durbin and Leopold Stokowski the famous conductor.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Breakfast for Two," with Herbert Marshall, Barbara Stanwyck, Glenda Farrell and Eric Blore. The picture deals in a merry fashion with the determined efforts of a wealthy Texas girl to make a man out of the playboy with whom she has fallen in love.

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the prizes this morning at the an-
nual speech day of the Ellis Ka-
doorie School.In the course of his annual report
Mr. C. Mycock said:—The daily aver-
age attendance from a maximum
enrolment of 422 was 397, an in-
crease of 17 as compared with the pre-
vious year. An average attendance of
94% is not unduly high in a Chinese
school and absences for "family affairs"
appear to have been rather too fre-
quent. Parents should realize far more
than they do that nowadays it is hard-
ly ever necessary for a boy to absent
himself from school. The School Clinic
is at his disposal. Here minor ailments
of all kinds receive attention.Class 4 Examination results were
better than in recent years. 87 boys sat
of whom 58 passed and 9 Government
Scholarships were awarded to the Class
on this result.In the other classes of 305 who sat
the Annual Examination, 224 boys
passed.In Chinese subjects only 25 boys
failed.**MISTAKEN IDEA**I cannot express complete satisfac-
tion with these results which are in
part explained by vacancies in the up-
per classes having been filled from
outside sources. This has had to be
done as candidates for Class 8 have not
come forward in recent years in re-
quired numbers. This may be either
because of a mistaken idea prevalent
that King's and Queen's Colleges may
be better equipped and staffed or due
to the change in the school year. What-
ever may be the cause, however, I wish
parents to know that it is with the
greatest reluctance I will admit boys to
the upper classes. I am, however, pre-
pared to accept young boys this Chinese
New Year provided that they have the
required standard of Chinese for Class
8. I consider it imperative for boys to
complete the five years course provid-
ed in this school as a preparation for
the standards required in the upper
schools.An extra half year in Class 8 proves
extremely beneficial to very young boys
whereas candidates for vacancies in
the upper classes are usually of the
type who wander from school to school
whenever an adverse report is made
against them. Such boys are useless
to themselves or the school and usual-
ly have particularly indulgent parents
who must share the blame.**WELL-ENDOWED**This state of affairs is regrettable
and I appeal to old E. K. boys, of
whom there are goodly numbers, to
send their sons here when old enough
for Class 8.This school is well endowed with
Scholarships due to the generosity of
Mr. Ho Kom Tong and the family of
the late Mr. Lau Chin Pak in addition
to the Woo Hay Tong and Government
Scholarships at the disposal of Govern-
ment, and at the present time there
are three members of the Staff, old
pupils of mine in this school, who avail-
ed themselves of these facilities and
ultimately attained University degrees.
What they have done can be done by
others.The Sporting activities are much the
same:—Football, Volley Ball, Basket
Ball, Ping Pong and Deck Tennis. The
latter introduced by Mr. Kay in 1934
is extremely popular and competition
for the cups he so kindly presented
was remarkably keen. The classification
by height has barred us from enter-
ing the leagues for Volley Ball and
Basket Ball but inter-class competi-
tions have been regularly held.In conclusion, I thank the Staff for
their loyal co-operation and have much
pleasure in calling upon Mrs. Kay to
present the prizes.**SNAKE FATALITY**While washing clothes on a hill-
side near Chin Wan-tim, Chan Yee-
mni, aged 58, was bitten on the fin-
ger by a snake. She was admitted
to the Tung Wah Hospital and later
to the Queen Mary Hospital, where
she died later.**NETHERLANDS
PREPARES TO
CELEBRATE
ROYAL BIRTH**

The Hague, To-day.

The Christmas season in the
Netherlands capital will be com-
pletely dominated by the approach-
ing birth of a royal prince or
princess to Princess Juliana, and
preparations for celebrating the
event are assuming unparalleled
proportions.The birth will be officially an-
nounced by a herald and a group
of trumpeters in mediaeval cos-
tume, after which church bells all
over the country will be rung.School-children will receive
small gifts.Floodlighting of the main build-
ings will take place in the evening
and if the weather is suitable, a
giant ice carnival will be held.The festivities will continue for
ten days.—Trans-Ocean.**FRENCH
SUPERVISION
OF VISITORS**

Paris, To-day.

Measures to be taken in France
to exercise supervision over for-
eigners visiting the country, are not
to be nearly so troublesome as
press reports had given to under-
stand.The Home Minister, M. Max
Dormoy, who is responsible for the
measures, says that at the express
wish of the Foreign Ministry, na-
tionals of those countries which do
not demand visas on passports,
will not be required to obtain a visa
to enter France, nor will genuine
tourists.All foreigners living in
France, however, will be re-
quired to obtain an identifica-
tion card.M. Dormoy explains that this is
not to be regarded as an "inhos-
pitable" act on the part of the
French Government, but merely an
unavoidable precaution to keep the
country free of criminal or undesir-
able elements.—Trans-Ocean.**GRETA GARBO
IN SWEDEN
FOR CHRISTMAS**

Stockholm, To-day.

Greta Garbo arrived at Gothen-
burg on Saturday, having crossed
the Atlantic on the Swedish liner
"Gripsholm."Although travelling incognito,
she was besieged by a host of re-
porters as soon as the vessel docked.
She denied that there was any
truth in her alleged intention to
enter the state of matrimony.She had come home, she said, to
spend Christmas with her brother,
and planned to return to Holly-
wood in the New Year.—Trans-
Ocean.

Yangtze River Closed By New Boom

Hankow, To-day.

A new Chinese boom across the Yangtze River at Kiukiang, half way between Wuhu and Hankow, is now in position, closing the river to navigation above this point.

A number of British and American gunboats and merchantmen which for various reasons did not follow H.M.S. Capetown, H.M.S. Ladybird and U.S.S. Oahu down river, are therefore bottled up in the reaches of the Yangtze above the boom.

It is hoped the boom will prevent Japanese warships steaming up river and bombarding Hankow in the attack the Japanese are now expected to make on the city.

Hankow is now well protected against air raids, the Chinese airmen having assistance in patrol work of some thirty Soviet pilots, using Soviet-made machines.

The Soviet pilots, with their smart bearing, friendly attitude and polished manners, have become exceedingly popular in Hankow.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese authorities have officially announced that navigation on the Yangtze has been closed below Kiukiang.—Reuter.

SENATE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CHAUTEMPS

Paris, Yesterday.

At the close of to-day's session of the Senate, which dealt with the Budget Estimates already passed by the Chamber of Deputies, a vote of confidence in the Government was carried with acclamation.

The resolution stated it was considered that the Government was taking all necessary and appropriate measures for stimulation of economic activity.

SELF-DISCIPLINE

In answering questions before the vote of confidence, the Minister of Trade recommended French industry to subject itself to a certain decree of self-discipline.

He declined to resort to foreign exchange control, and declared that what was required was a common productive effort by employers and wage earners undertaken in a spirit of mutual confidence and good faith.

Next session of the Senate was fixed for Tuesday.—Trans-Ocean.

BUS SERVICE TO WAICHOW

Canton, Yesterday.

With the completion of the highway between Canton and Shum Chun, a bus service between Shum Chun and Waichow was inaugurated two days ago.

The buses depart from Waichow at 8 a.m. and leave Shum Chun at 3 p.m., the fare being \$3.50 (Canton currency).—Our Own Correspondent.

GENERAL ABE TO COMMAND IN SOUTH CHINA

Tokyo, To-day.

The general opinion here among military circles is that should the Japanese Imperial Headquarters decide to invade South China, General Abe, who saw active service in the Russo-Japanese conflict as a lieutenant, will automatically become Commander-in-Chief of the investing forces.

The General, who also served in the Japanese Intelligence Department, was once Vice Minister for War, and a year ago completed a tour of all the important coastal towns of South China.

It is said that he is familiar with all strategical positions in South China.—Our Own Correspondent.

FIGHTING IN HANGCHOW ZONE

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Chinese troops along the first defence line, north of Hangchow, counter-attacked early this morning, according to reports received here this afternoon.

A fierce battle is raging now in the area, south of Kashing.

Meanwhile, the population in Hangchow are reported to be panicky. Several warships are said to be cruising in Hangchow bay.—Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Hangchow was heavily bombed this morning. Air-raids were also carried out on several surrounding districts.—Our Own Correspondent.

PEIPING-HANKOW OPERATIONS

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Fighting is continuing on the Peiping-Hankow Line, according to despatches from Peiping and Tientsin this morning.

It is reported that the Japanese troops pushed further southwards from Changte Ho and are advancing towards the Yellow River. Japanese reports state that the Chinese are retreating along all fronts in North China.

It is admitted that the invading forces are being harassed by Chinese guerrillas consistently and have suffered severe losses in numerous skirmishes.—Our Own Correspondent.

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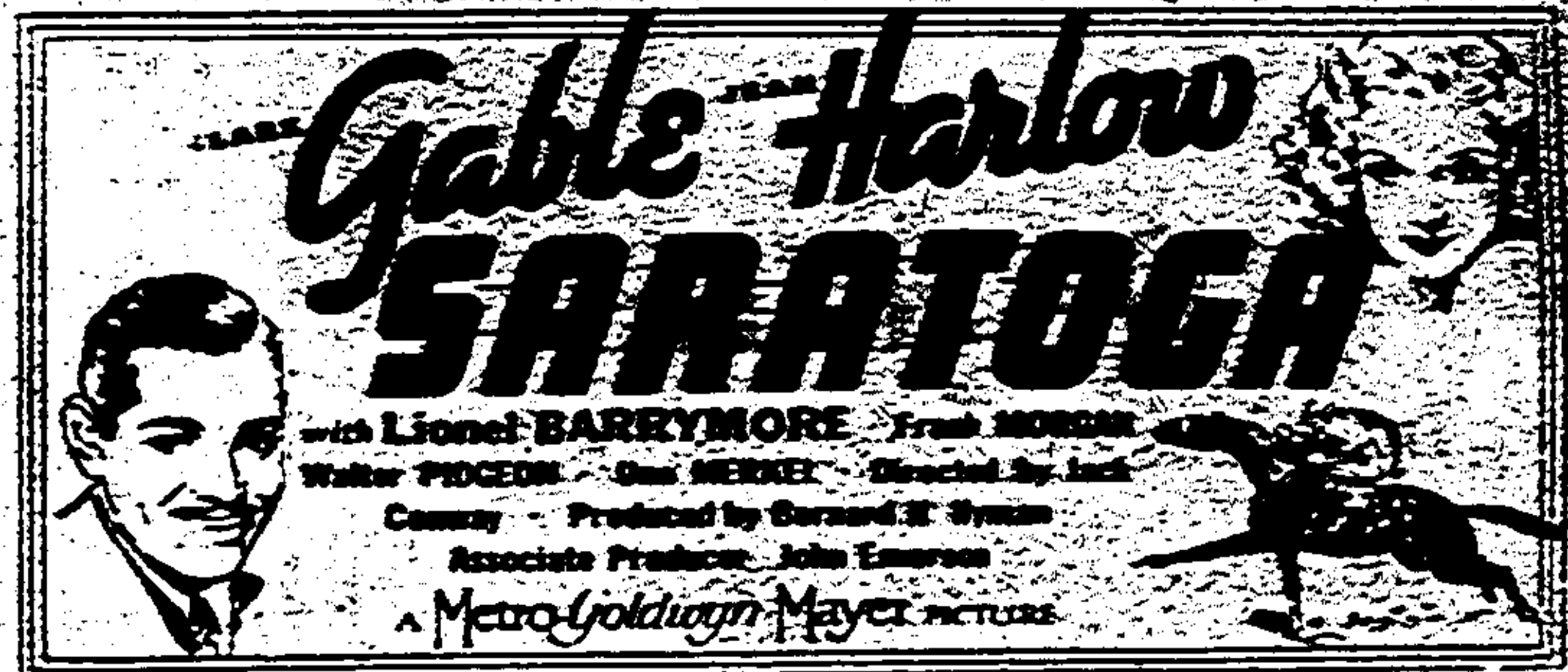
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FRANCE WATCHING SOUTH CHINA EVENTS WITH INCREASING ANXIETY

Paris, To-day.

Possible developments in South China are being followed with increasing anxiety in the French newspapers, and the phrase "The Yellow Peril" has been revived.

The phrase appears as the heading on a stiff attack on Japan in "l'Intransigeant," which raises the question as to whether the present war in the Far East will not bring France one day face to face with catastrophe.

Britain, it says, is adopting precautionary measures in view of the fact that the Japanese armies are now "only some 95 miles away from Hong Kong," while the Japanese navy has approached "even nearer."

It may happen, says the paper, that there will come a day when the French possessions in Indo-China are threatened, which would be the case if, for instance, Japanese troops were landed on Hainan Island.

One has made a habit of speaking of "The Yellow Peril" in the future tense, the journal declares, but events are showing that it belongs to the present moment.—Trans-Ocean.

STRENGTHENING NAVAL FORCE

London, To-day.

Amplifying previous reports regarding consideration of strengthening British forces in the Far East, the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says this morning that the exchange of views between London, Washington and Paris is constant.

Hitherto, there has been no indication from Washington that if Britain reinforced her naval strength in the Far East, the United States would take similar action.

Anglo-French discussion has been merely preliminary and tentative.

No positive point can be reached unless and until Britain decides that reinforcement has become essential.

BRITISH CONSIDERATIONS

In considering her position, Britain will estimate the strength of Chinese resistance and the situation of the Japanese army if it presses into the interior.

The Government is also considering how far Japanese policy is dictated by the military and naval commanders, and the strength of moderate opinion among Tokyo industrialists, traders and economists.—Renter.

PRES. HOOVER BREAKING UP

Tokyo, To-day.

Weakened by the battering she has received from heavy seas, the giant luxury liner "President Hoover," wrecked on Hoishoto Island, commenced to break up this morning, says a message from Taihoku, in For-

WOMAN'S NONSTOP AIR RECORD

Istres, To-day.

The airwoman, Maryse Hilsz, took off at 2.30 (G.M.T.) yesterday afternoon for Basrah in an attempt to beat the women's long-distance record established by the late Amelia Earhart, with a flight of 2,452 miles.

Mlle. Hilsz is flying a Caudron-Simon plane with a 220-H.P. Renault engine given her by the Air Ministry for the attempt.—Renter.

YELLOW RIVER BARRAGE

Tsinanfu, Yesterday.

Chinese and Japanese artillery batteries are still exchanging fire across the Yellow River, but no sustained attempt to cross to the south bank has yet been launched by the Japanese troops.

The town is virtually a ghost city, business being almost at a standstill, while most of the residents have evacuated.

It is believed in military circles here that the Japanese, opposite the city, will not attempt to cross the River until the troops operating on the Peiping-Hankow Line reach the Yellow River in that area.—Our Own Correspondent.

SAITO BROADCAST

Washington, To-day.

While the State Department is expecting a formal Note guaranteeing the safety of Americans in China, Mr. Saito, the Japanese Ambassador, broadcast a message to America from Tokyo last night, in which he promised that Japan would take steps to safeguard foreigners and foreign interests.

"Our authorities had not thought that such a blunder could have occurred," he said, referring to the Panay outrage.—Renter.

Hurried and very gallant work was necessary to take off the remainder of the crew.—Renter.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO DECIDE AMERICAN ACTIONS

State Department Marks Time Over Week-End

"NEUTRALITY" NO POLICY AT ALL

Washington, To-day.

The State Department marked time over the week-end pending outcome of the United States naval inquiry at Shanghai into the Panay incident and the Japanese reply to the American Note.

While determined not to close the incident until the Japanese give precise guarantees of full respect for American lives and interests in China henceforth, the Department declines to involve itself in any speculation as to what will happen if the Japanese reply is unsatisfactory.

One reason for this is that President Roosevelt is in command of the situation, and nobody knows what is in the President's mind except the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

President Roosevelt possesses the means and the ability to rally public opinion towards stronger action than the mere despatching of Notes, if necessary, but the dilemma in which the Administration now finds itself vis-a-vis public opinion at home, is well expressed in an article in the New York "Times," which declares that United States refusal to act jointly with the other Powers in the Far East, as long as her interests are not affected, now leaves her facing Japan alone with a major incident to settle.

CHESTNUTS

The journal continues that whenever, recently, there has been any talk of a common Anglo-American front in the Far East, cries have arisen in the United States that London wanted the Americans to pull British chestnuts from the fire, but now "we have some chestnuts of our own roasting in China."

The journal adds that the Panay incident has shown that a foreign policy based on United States neutrality is no foreign policy at all.

THE FUTURE

It is the consensus of political opinion here that even the Panay incident is not sufficient to stir public opinion to authorise joint action, but with the risk of further serious incidents not ruled out as long as American ships and troops remain there, it is impossible to predict to what extent the American attitude might be modified by further assaults on American lives and treaty rights.—Reuter.

NEW ALTITUDE RECORD

Paris, To-day.

Capt. Arnoux, the French airman, established a new altitude record for a two-seater plane at Orly aerodrome, near Paris, on Saturday.

In a little under an hour after taking off, he had attained a height of 7,900 metres.

He was flying a two-seater Far-

ANOTHER MUSSOLINI GRANDSON

Rome, To-day.

Countess Edda Ciano, wife of the Italian Foreign Minister and eldest daughter of Signor Mussolini, gave birth to a son on Saturday.

This is Countess Ciano's third son.—Trans-Ocean.

WUHAN DEFENCE PRECAUTION

Hankow, To-day.

Hankow garrison headquarters announce that beginning to-morrow, use of telephones in the Wuhan area will be stopped during air raids, in order to facilitate efficient defence operations.

Military, fire brigade and hospital telephone lines are excepted.—Reuter.

SOVIET ENVOY NOT IN HANKOW

Hankow, To-day.

A report that the new Soviet Ambassador has arrived, and has conferred with General Chiang Kai-shek, to whom he is said to have submitted certain proposals, is flatly denied in Chinese and Soviet quarters here.

The Ambassador is reported to be en route to Urumchi from Moscow.—Reuter.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone has extended eastward to the Bonin Islands; the depression is situated to the east of Hokkaido.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds fresh; fair.

man 357 machine, fitted with a 140-H.P. Renault Bengali engine.—Trans-Ocean.

KELLOGG PACT AUTHOR DYING

St. Paul (Minnesota), To-day.
Mr. Frank Kellogg, author of the famous Kellogg Peace Pact, is critically ill following an operation. He had a stroke six weeks ago.

Dr. Lepak, attending Mr. Kellogg, says there is virtually no hope of recovery, and it is just a matter of hours.—Reuter.

NEW NOTE ON PANAY AFFAIR

Tokyo, To-day.

It is understood that the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, delivered a supplementary Note in connection with the Panay incident to the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, late on Friday evening.

However, the United States Embassy and the Foreign Office refuse to confirm the report, and the Japanese press is silent.

The newspapers feature a report that the Emperor granted an audience to the Premier at 8.30 and 10.40 on Saturday evening.

PREMIER AT PALACE

It is understood that Prince Konoye made a full report on Japan's fundamental policies to China, which had been unanimously approved at Saturday's all-day

FRANCE WELL PLEASED BY DELBOS TOUR

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, expressed himself very satisfied with his tour of Central Europe when he arrived in Paris yesterday morning from Prague and received an enthusiastic reception from crowds at the station.

The opinion is generally held that the tour showed that France's alliances and friendships are as strong and valuable as ever and has enhanced France's prestige.—Reuter.

PHONE FROM PRAGUE

Paris, Yesterday.

That the "goodwill tour" of the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, yielded the expected results, is the opinion stated at the Quai d'Orsay to-day.

M. Delbos is reported to have spoken to the Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, by phone from Prague, where he has been busy conferring with Czecho-Slovakian leaders.

He reported having seen nothing but a pro-French attitude, and says that Czech members of parliament stressed the country's intention to stand by the League of Nations and the principle of collective security.—Trans-Ocean.

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The Premier also submitted President Roosevelt's request to the Emperor.—Reuter.

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JAPANESE CONTINUING MARCH ON HANGCHOW

Battle For Town Expected In Next Few Days

PREPARATIONS FOR DETERMINED DEFENCE

Hangchow, To-day.

THE Japanese yesterday continued their march on Hangchow, and military circles here consider that the battle for the town will begin within the next few days.

Hangchow is one of the most beautiful and famous cities of China, and in the course of its several thousand years' history, was for 150 years (from 1127 to 1276) the capital of the Chinese Empire.

To-day the city has about 500,000 inhabitants, and is the centre of the celebrated Chinese silk and gold brocade industries.

Japanese troops are approaching Hangchow from three directions—namely, along the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway line, along the Nanking-Hangchow road and from the east across Hangchow Bay.

NO REAL RESISTANCE

The Japanese have not, so far, met with any real resistance, as the Chinese forces are all concentrated in the neighbourhood of Hangchow.

Trenches have been dug round the city, and barricades have sprung up everywhere, and the Japanese advance will be made as costly to the enemy as possible.

DEFENCE PLAN

Reinforcements are already on the way.

The defence plan of Gen. Hwang

MAD PRINCE GIVEN STATE FUNERAL

Cairo, To-day.

The embalmed body of the so-called "mad prince," Ahmed Seifeldin, brother-in-law of the late King Fuad, was given a state funeral in the Royal Cemetery on arrival in Cairo from Istanbul yesterday.

A representative of King Farouk, members of the Cabinet and other Egyptian princes were among those present.—Reuter.

Hsiao-hsun, Governor of Chekiang, who is leading the Chinese troops, includes "another kind of strategy," though what this is, is not revealed.—Reuter.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

SOMETIMES I wonder why I go on working. I regard my fellow-toilers in the office. I note their furrowed features, their endless telephone inquiries...

Sometimes, when I do not hate them, I pity them. Then all of a sudden I pity myself and ask again: "Why do we work like this, day in, day out, while the sands of time run dry?"

In a flash it comes to me—cash. Hard cash.

First of all the commitments of a man, moderately successful, who left school at fifteen, began to earn at twenty, married at thirty, retired at seventy and died obligingly at eighty—as tabulated by "Lilliput."

During his lifetime such a man spent £7,117 10s. 6d. on food and £1,875 17s on holidays. These are his two largest items.

Tobacco, gifts and bus-fares come next at £986 1s. 3d., £637 12s. and £591 4s. 10d. In beer he sank but

a miserable £364 19s. 2d. Where on earth his wife got her clothes from I don't like to think. Perhaps he was a wise guy and married money. His pyjamas, anyway, cost £192 14s. 10d. during those eighty years.

He seems lucky, with all that money about, not to have had to pay for the education of his children. And it's not surprising to find that he doesn't seem to have put anything in the plate on Sundays.

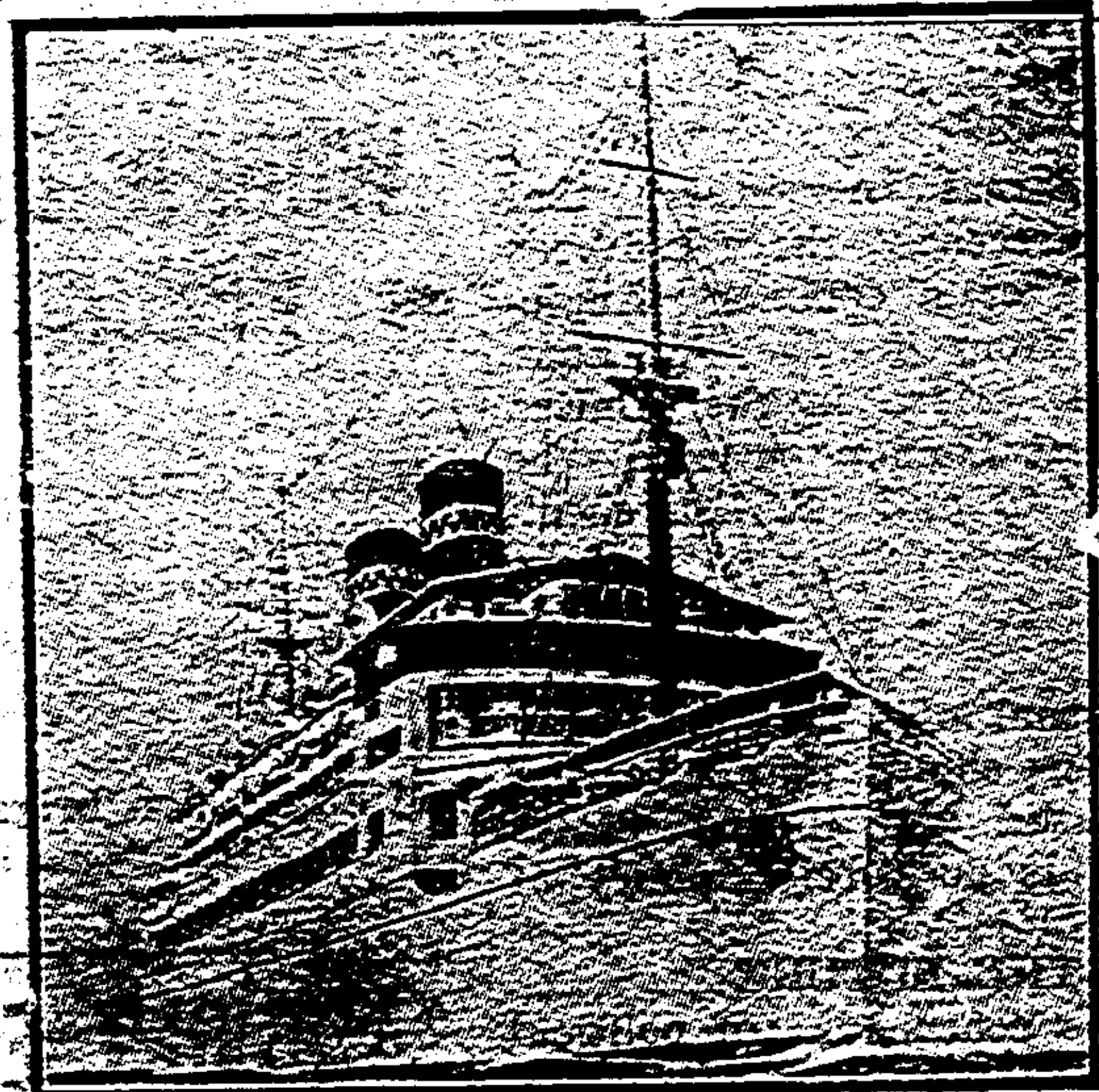
But outwardly, at any rate, he was pretty clean. A bill for £255 5s. 4d. spent on shaving tackle alone argues a mania for the bathroom.

Even cinemas, at £232 5s. 4d., cost him less than his chin.

Such a man in his lifetime spends £124 7s. 6d. on ties and £110 5s. 3d. on socks. But only, I'm sorry to find, £56 7s. on books.

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ARSENIC MURDER TRIAL

OVER FIFTY GRAINS FOUND IN FATEFUL RICE POT: THREE DEATHS

THE "MONG KOK ARSENIC MURDER TRIAL" OPENED AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MacGREGOR, WHEN 36-YEAR-OLD LI FUK-YUE, UNEMPLOYED, WAS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF A CHINESE WOMAN, TANG KAM, AGED 40 YEARS, BY ADMINISTERING ARSENIC ON OCTOBER 5, AT NO. 163, TUNG CHOI STREET, MONG KOK.

The Crown alleges that as a result of arsenic put into rice deceased woman was cooking, the accused also caused the deaths of deceased's husband and another woman named Chan Kwai.

The jury empanelled comprised Messrs. R. Pestonji (Foreman), S. M. Ali, Lam Kwok-tsoi, G. A. Vas, Go Shing-kiem, Fung Yin-leung, and Chan Tak-chin.

Accused was defended by Mr. H. C. Macnarama, instructed by Mr. H. N. Cheung, of Messrs. Johnson, Stoke and Master.

QUARREL ALLEGED

Opening the case for the prosecution, Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, said that accused and a woman, Mak Yin-sing, whose husband was in America, lived together in a Toishan village against the elders' disapproval.

The woman left the village and rented a cubicle at No. 163, Tung Choi Street. Accused also came to the Colony and renewed his intimate friendship with the woman.

In September, accused had a serious quarrel with the murdered woman, Tang Kam, which lasted over an hour. The woman told accused not to visit the house again and threatened to beat him with a bamboo pole.

However, the accused visited the premises on a number of occasions to see Mak Yin-sing. On the evening of October 4, he spent some time in the kitchen and, asked what he was doing, replied that he was boiling water for a bath.

The Crown alleged that accused was boiling crude arsenic and not water, as there were witnesses to testify that he did not take a bath that evening.

MOTIVE SUGGESTED

As regards motive, Mr. Williams said it was not necessary to prove one, but the Crown suggested that accused was under the impression that Tang Kam wanted to keep him away, from Mak Yin-sing.

On the morning of October 5, accused again visited the kitchen which he had to himself several times, and the Crown alleged that it was during one of these periods that he poured the arsenic into the pot of rice which was being cooked by Tang Kam for her family.

Immediately Tang Kam and her husband sat down for their morning meal, accused left the house, but he left a parcel at a hawker's stall on the road, and this parcel, which was later opened by the stall-holder, was found to contain a piece of arsenic.

During the meal, Tang Kam made a remark about the rice, and another woman Chan Kwai, tasted it. Tang Kam, her husband and Chan Kwai, fell ill afterwards and succumbed in the Kwong Wah Hospital from poisoning, which was later revealed, by the Government Analyst to be arsenical poisoning.

ARSENIC FINDS

The accused returned to the premises at about 11.30 a.m. and was seen to put water in an aluminium pot and to scrub its bottom with a brush. This pot was found by the Government Analyst to have arsenic crystals around the lip.

The Crown alleged that this was the pot in which accused boiled the crude arsenic.

Mr. Williams added that according to the Government Analyst two grains of arsenic was a fatal dose.

With each of the three poisoned persons, the amount of arsenic administered exceeded two grains.

In the rice pot alone were found 52 grains of arsenic.

The doctor at the hospital informed the police who later arrested accused.

Dust taken from accused's finger nails contained arsenic particles.

When charged, accused denied that he put arsenic in the food and added that witnesses had been bribed to testify against him. He also said that one

witness had been given \$10, but had run away. The case is continuing.

CAIRO CRISIS

Cairo, To-day.

Although no settlement has been reached in the dispute between Cabinet and Court, political circles think it just possible that an agreement may be announced at the last moment.

Weakening of the political situation in Egypt would be most unwelcome to Britain, and a change in Cabinet without a new election is improbable. — Trans-Ocean.

M. VAN ZEELAND AT VATICAN

Rome, To-day.

The former Belgian Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland, who on Saturday visited the Minister for Exchange Control, Signor Guarnieri, was received yesterday by Cardinal Pacelli, the Vatican Secretary of State, and Cardinal Pizzardo.

M. van Zeeland, who is carrying out the economic mission entrusted him by Britain, will leave Rome for Paris to-day (Monday). — Trans-Ocean.

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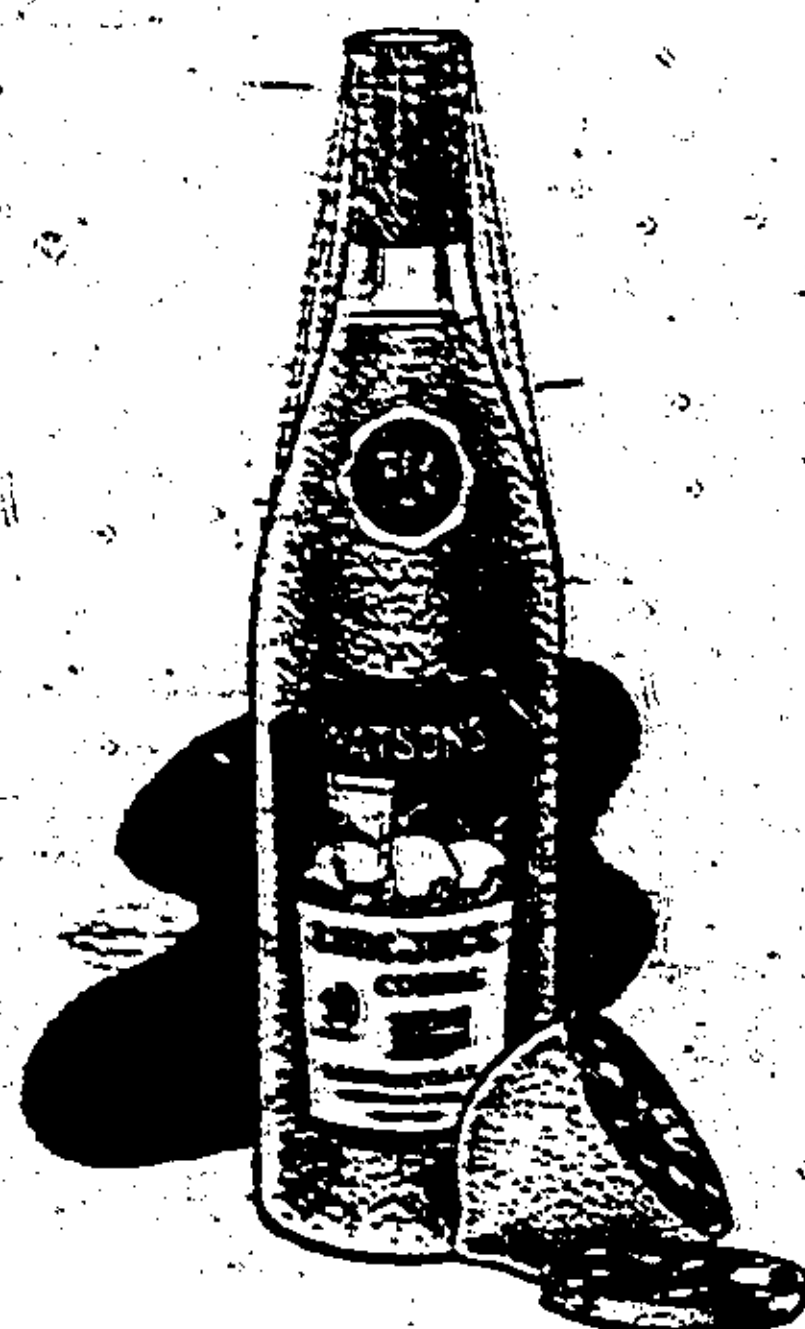
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FOOD SUPPLIES

Views are mixed regarding the degree to which Hong Kong might become affected in the event of a decision by Japan to extend hostilities to South China. A host of factors have to be taken into consideration and while there will be a large measure of agreement with the conviction of the "Daily Herald" that Hong Kong will not be attacked, Japan well knowing that it would be resisted by the whole weight of the British Empire, there is also ground for the assumption that the Colony could not escape wholly the effects of Japanese operations. Precautions against the swamping of the Colony by thousands upon thousands of refugees furnishes but one example of difficulties to be guarded against. Another problem is the maintenance of adequate food supplies for our population of over a million, with the chief source of supply cut off.

In time of war a determined people can endure great hardships, but no community can long survive pressure, accidental or incidental, which brings starvation in its train. Undoubtedly while the sea remained open to British shipping, fresh channels could be worked, but it seems to be an important matter scarcely to be left to an occasion when emergency has developed. Normally, the Colony carries little more than two months' supplies of rice and grain for instance, and still less of fats and meats. In sudden emergency, therefore, which might include temporary dislocation of shipping, the question of food supply maintenance would become one of paramount importance. It is impossible to believe that this question has not received earnest consideration under the general problem of defence, but there is no sign of precautions, such as measures for increasing food stocks in storage. It is a task that can only be undertaken when conditions are normal.

Horse Into Heraldry

Perhaps some of the surprise which has been expressed over the strange animal on which Lord Haig is seated in the new Whitehall statue would be abated if

some agreement were reached to regard it as an heraldic horse, for the creatures of heraldry seldom display any precise resemblance to the animals whose names they share. The coat of arms lion in its various attitudes—rampant, passant, salient, or sejant—is far from a faithful portrait of the lions of Africa or zoological gardens, but no one seems to worry very much about the points of departure from the original model. It may be that one trouble about Lord Haig's Whitehall charger is that it is not sufficiently heraldic to make us forget about horses altogether; it has certain attributes of horsiness that pull one back to reality and thereby remind one that no actual horse would stand for a split second in that position, and least of all with its nose being wrenched back to its neck.

It is, of course, equally true that the old pictures and models of galloping horses placed their legs in positions which instantaneous photography has now shown to be utterly false. But that for long was the recognised and accepted convention; this one seems to be designed either as a tentative return to the heraldic principle in animal portraiture—or else as a horrible warning of how not to treat a horse's head and mouth. Perhaps the comment of posterity as it contemplates the equine part of the Haig statue will be "Well, if their horses were like that in 1937 no wonder they went in for mechanisation!"

Too Coy for Comfort?

The cramping hand of authority is coming down on the once free and independent choice of place-names in U.S.A.; a body called the American Board of Geographical Names is doing its best to discourage what it regards as undesirably "fancy" titles for hamlets and townships. But some of its objections seem a little severe. One can understand raised eyebrows over the Hobo Hot Springs of California, but why object to Caress of West Virginia, or the short and sweet Coy, which is found as a village name both in Arkansas and in Alabama?

There seems to be nothing specially wrong with Coy; it is not any more self-consciously romantic than the "Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain," which Goldsmith seems to have foisted on what was previously Lissoy—with the not altogether surprising result that there are now at least thirty Auburns of various shapes and sizes, from cities to hamlets, in the United States. There used to be a village called Auburn near Bridlington, but the encroaching sea took an even sterner line than the American Board of Geographical Names and removed it bodily from the map.

One of the world's many Auburns (there are some in Australia) has an alternative title which ought to satisfy the stern temper of those who think that Goldsmith's name has too marked a flavour of the pretty-pretty. In Ontario there is a "past village" which, according to the gazetteer, is called Auburn or Manchester. Perhaps the natives call it Manchester on wet days.

RUMOURED JAPANESE BIAS BAY LANDING

Canton Steamers Rushed By Refugees

KWANGTUNG OFFICIALS DECLINE TO COMMENT

NOCTURNAL AUDIENCE OF EMPEROR

Tokyo, To-day.

In a dramatic two-hour nocturnal audience on Saturday night, the Premier reported to the Emperor the Government's determination to "punish thoroughly" the Chinese national administration.

The report was embodied in decisions reached at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Saturday afternoon to formulate Japan's policy towards China following the fall of Nanking.

The "Asahi Shimbun" states that the Government's policy provides "thorough chastisement" of the national administration through adoption of an "attitude of endurance in the true sense of that word."

UNTIL SURRENDER

The Cabinet is reported to have decided that hostilities will continue "in view of the Chinese Government's failure to reconsider its attitude, and the intention to resist Japan at a moment when it is reduced to the status of a local military organisation, with four of China's largest cities, Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin and Peiping, out of its control."

The paper believes that the Government will follow "amplifying of war results" without relaxing punishment by military action until the national Government surrenders, and shows its sincerity by reconsidering its attitude."

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

The paper adds that although determined to sever diplomatic relations with the Chinese Government, the Cabinet saw no need for hasty announcement of that decision.

"With a view to meeting the Chinese Government's threat of protracted resistance, the Cabinet is considering general mobilisation of the nation's resources, national finance, thought and other matters."—Reuter.

EXCHANGE OF CALLING CARDS! PANAY LATEST

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese spokesman said regarding the Panay sinking on December 12, the visit of Japanese officers to the ship was to "exchange calling cards," and he alleged that machine-gunning of

RAILWAY EXPECTED TO BE THE FIRST OBJECTIVE

Canton, To-day.

News that hostilities are likely to break out in South China following reports of an imminent Japanese landing in Bias Bay, is spreading throughout the city, and steamers to Hong Kong and Macao have been crowded with excited Chinese since the early hours of this morning.

All are anxious to avoid what they believe may be a second Nanking disaster.

Chinese official sources at present refuse to comment on reports of the imminence of a Japanese landing, but threat to Canton itself is not considered to be immediate.

Some sources suggest that the first Japanese move will be cutting of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, isolating Canton from Hong Kong.

It is reiterated that General Yu Han-mou's troops, which constitute the bulk of Kwangtung's defence forces, intend to offer the staunchest resistance.

NO CONFIRMATION

While the excitement is considerable over reports of an intended Japanese landing, foreign Consular officials profess themselves completely unable to confirm the story, and Sharnien is only mildly interested, the opinion being generally held that this is merely another rumour.

In the event of a Japanese threat to Canton, the British Consul-General, Mr. R. C. Blunt, had already announced last week that British women and children would be requested to evacuate, but Reuter is reliable informed that this order has not yet been given, and will not be given until a Japanese landing, likely to affect Canton, actually occurs.

Mr. Blunt left for Hong Kong this morning, reportedly to discuss the present situation with the Hong Kong authorities.—Reuter.

the vessel was not related.

The official declared: "This means that two different army units were involved," and added that the exchange of cards took place about 20 miles from the spot where the ill-starred warship was anchored on the fatal Sunday.

The new investigation, the spokesman said, was thorough and necessitated the despatch of special agents to chase the units which were already advancing north along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.—Reuter.

To-morrow, Mrs. McAvoy will address the members of the Rotary Club on "The Spirit of Christmas." It is hoped that members of the Club will remember that this is a Ladies' Day and will take this opportunity to bring their friends to the tiffin on this occasion.

LATEST EXCUSE FOR SHELLING OF LADYBIRD

Shanghai, To-day.

H.M.S. Ladybird was shelled by Japanese batteries near Wuhu on December 12 in the belief that she was the escort for a convoy carrying Chinese troops, declared a Japanese spokesman this morning, releasing the preliminary findings of the investigation into the incident.

The official said that the incident occurred in the early morning when the river was shrouded in thick fog, all distant objects being scarcely discernable.

A ship at the head of the convoy, a Japanese officer at Wuhu reported, emitted smoke which resembled a smoke screen.

In the belief that the convoy could be used only for the transportation of troops, the officer in charge ordered fire to be opened on the ships.

The spokesman this morning refused to answer questions regarding details of the incident, on the ground that the reports were still incomplete.—Reuter.

EDEN'S LONG TALK WITH M. CORBIN

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, says the "Evening News," yesterday had a lengthy conversation with the French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin.

The situation in the Far East was the sole topic of conversation.—Trans-Ocean.

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JAPANESE FEELER OPERATIONS

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese forces quickened the pace of their military preparations in Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhwei as they engaged the Chinese forces in brief position testing engagements at half a dozen points, where large scale drives are believed to be likely to break out as soon as groundwork for the campaign is completed.

According to Chinese reports, Japanese troops which crossed the Yangtse at Chin-kiang and captured Yangchow, launched an attack against the Chinese forces north of Yangchow.

Objective of the Japanese troops is said to be Kaoyu, 45 miles north of Yangchow.

Meanwhile, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front, the Japanese forces are stated to have staged several raids on the Chinese lines near Wuyi, with the intention of testing the strength of the Chinese forces in that sector.

BID FOR HOPEI

Another Japanese unit operation north of the Yangtse, according to other Chinese reports, is preparing for a drive along the Hweinan Railway.

This force, which crossed the Yangtse at Wuhu, is said to have gained a foothold near Yuchikow, Hanshan and Holsien, on the river bank.

Main objective of this army is the strategic Anhwei city of Hofei, located some 90 kilometres inland.

Japanese troops at present are consolidating their positions at the southern terminus of the railway before launching their drive towards Hofei.

BRIDGES BLOWN UP

The Chinese are reported to have blown up all bridges along

GREAT SEAS BREAK RIGHT OVER HOOVER

Taihosu, To-day.

It is feared that the President Hoover broke her back last night during a gale of intense violence.

The ship is now regarded as doomed.

Huge seas are breaking over her and she is gradually breaking up.

A skeleton crew and salvage experts are still on board the liner, but it is expected that they will be compelled to abandon ship before long.

They have reported by wireless that the heavy gale during the night caused very serious damage to the hull and the engine-room is now full of water.—Our Own Correspondent.

CONSCRIPTION FOR WOMEN

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Government has decided to sponsor a bill for extending full-term compulsory military service for men and for applying the principle of military conscription to women.

If the bill passes the Sejm, all Polish able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 60, will be liable to service, while all able-bodied women between the ages of 19 and 45, will be enrolled in ambulance units, etc.—Trans-Ocean.

the railway.

Constituting a separate field of Japanese military operations, the Chekiang-Anhwei area is believed likely to be the scene of a bitter struggle between the Chinese and Japanese forces when the Japanese drive gets under way.—Reuter.

SOVIET EXPERTS TR Building Up Hunan And Kweichow Recruits

Shanghai, To-day.

IMPORTANT changes in the High Command of the Chinese army are foreshadowed by several local vernacular papers.

The 8th Route Army, formerly the Communist army, is expected to take over the Shansi and Shensi fronts, where all Chinese forces will be united under the command of the former Red Army chief.

The front formed by the Peiping-Hankow Railway will be made over to General Li Tsung-jen, who is at present commanding forces on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

The latter forces will be given to General Tang Sheng-chih.

CONFIDENCE IN PEI

Much significance is attached to the appointment of General Pai Chung-hsi to the post of commander of the forces holding the important Kiangsi and Anhwei fronts.

This commander is the right hand man of General Chiang Kai-shek, who is apparently expecting battles of a decisive nature in this particular war zone.

SOUTHERN COMMAND

General Chang Fa-kwei, chief of the famous "Ironsides," is to be placed in command in Chekiang and Fukien, while all Chinese forces in the Canton zone are to be under the supreme command of General Li Chai-sum.

Rumour also has it that a number of important changes are about to be made in the political sphere as well, mainly with a view to bringing about co-operation between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communists.

SOVIET AID

There is talk, for instance, of high Government posts being given

to the two Governors of Soviet Chinese provinces in North West China, General Mao Tze-tung and Chou En-li, both of whom have arrived at Nanchang, in Kiangsi, to confer with the Generalissimo.

Soviet military experts have been assigned the task of training fresh Chinese recruits in Hunan and Kweichow.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET NOTE OF PROTEST TO POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

The Soviet has sharply protested to the Polish Foreign Office against "continual provocation" by the Polish authorities, and particularly against the Soviet-Polish frontier incident in which, according to a semi-official Soviet statement, two members of the staff of the Soviet train were unlawfully detained.

The detention followed discovery of burning rags in a compartment which was apparently set on fire by a Polish citizen.

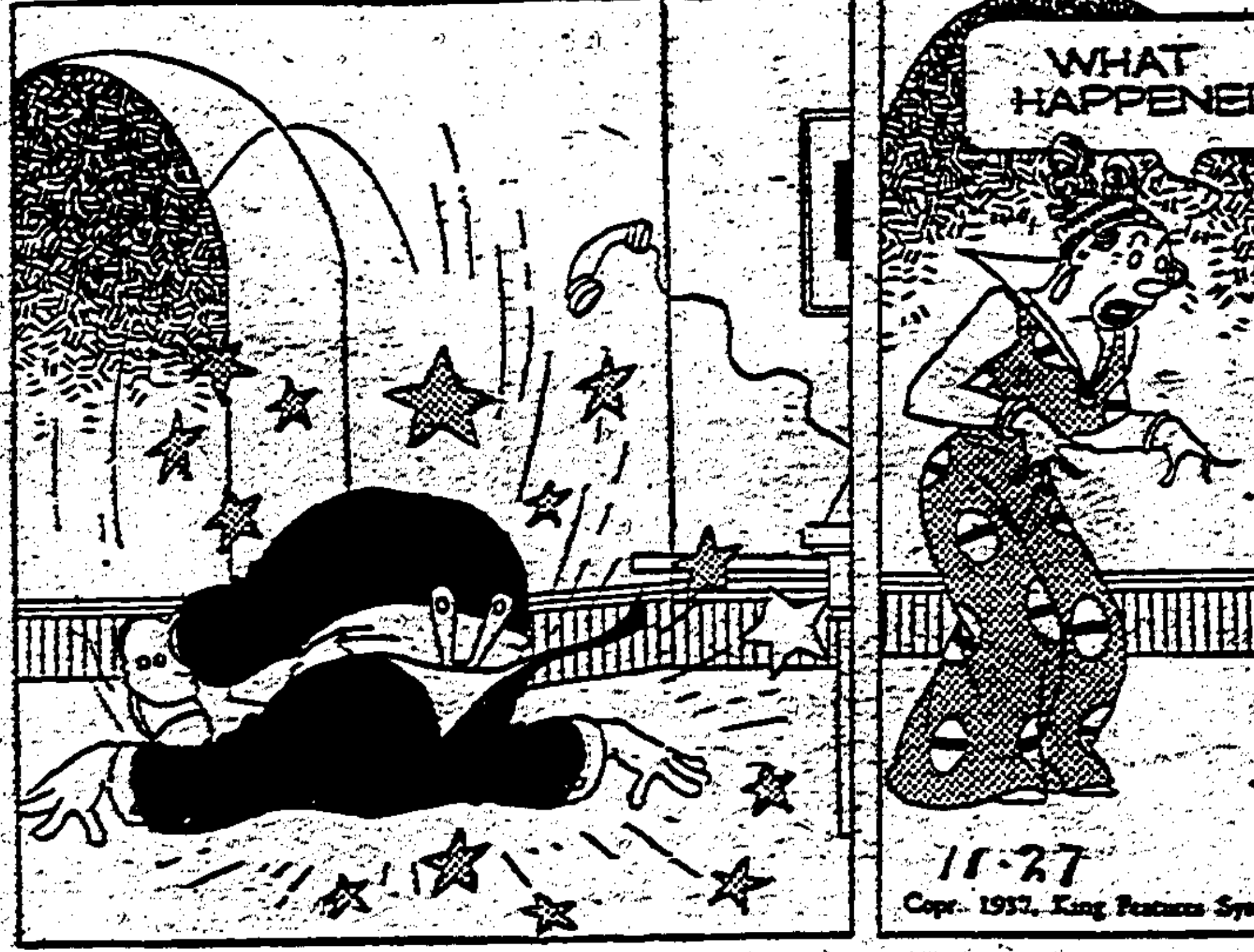
The semi-official Polish agency flatly denies these "lying allegations," and claims the fire was started on the Soviet side of the frontier and was due to defects in the Soviet train.—Reuter.

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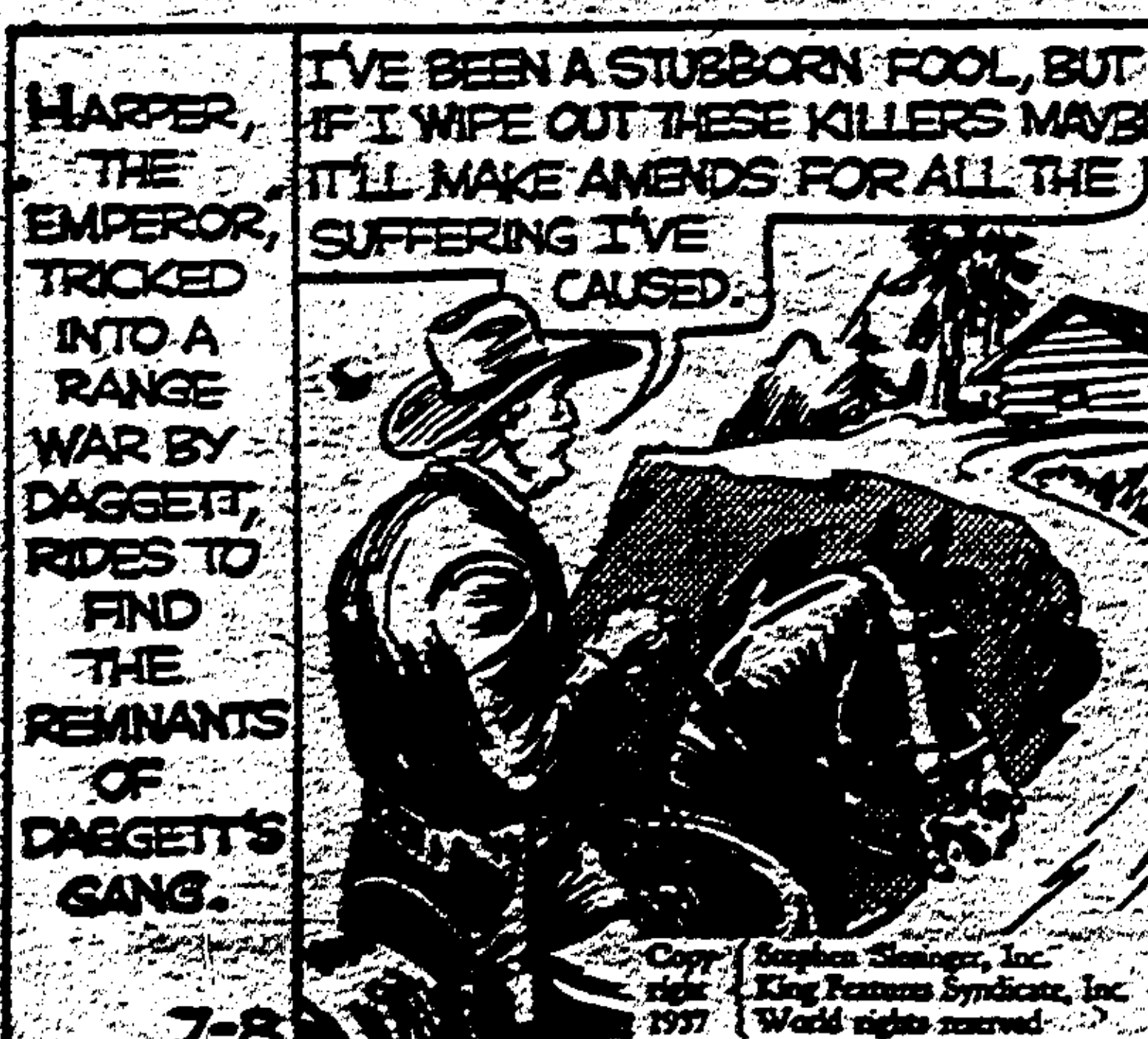
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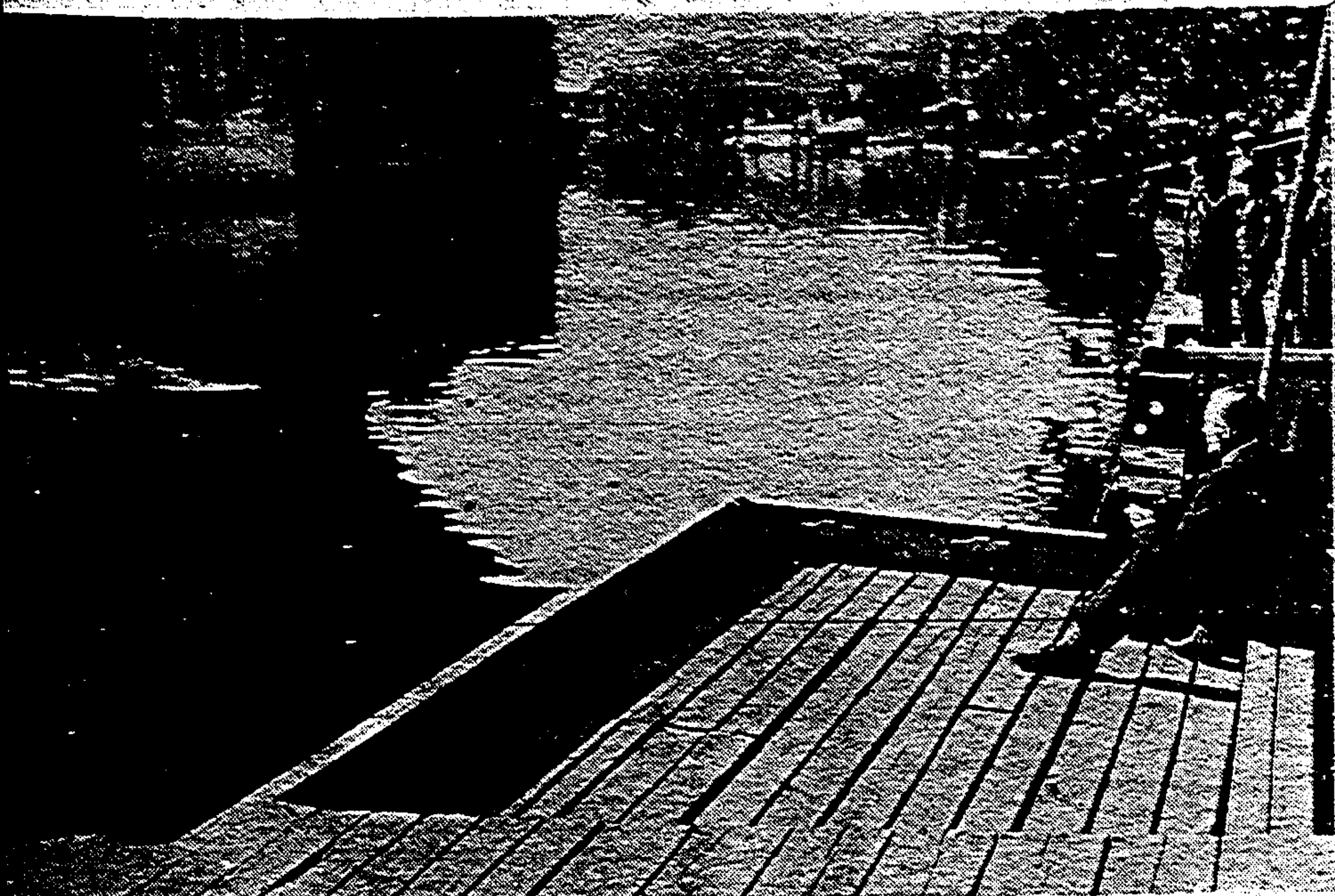


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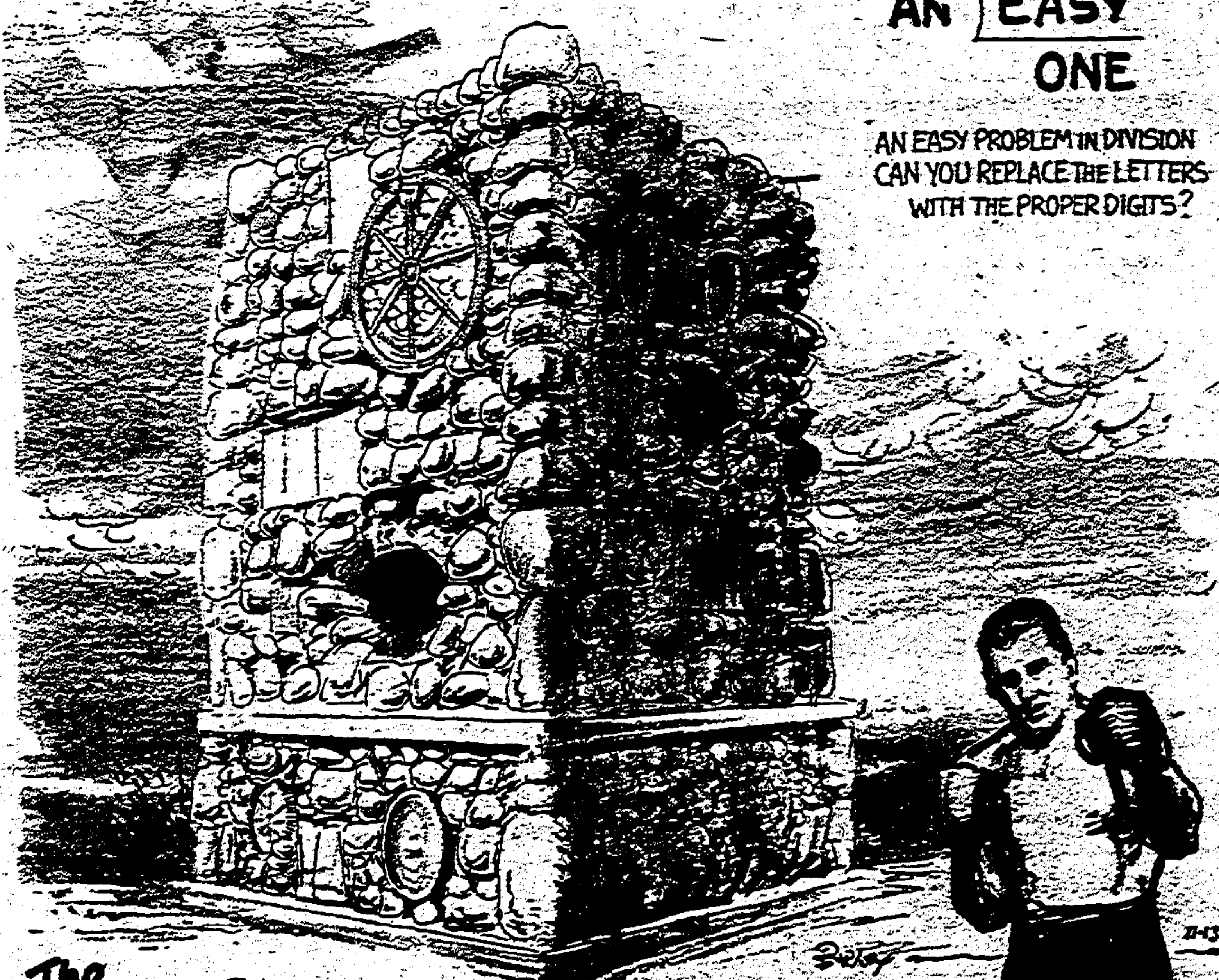
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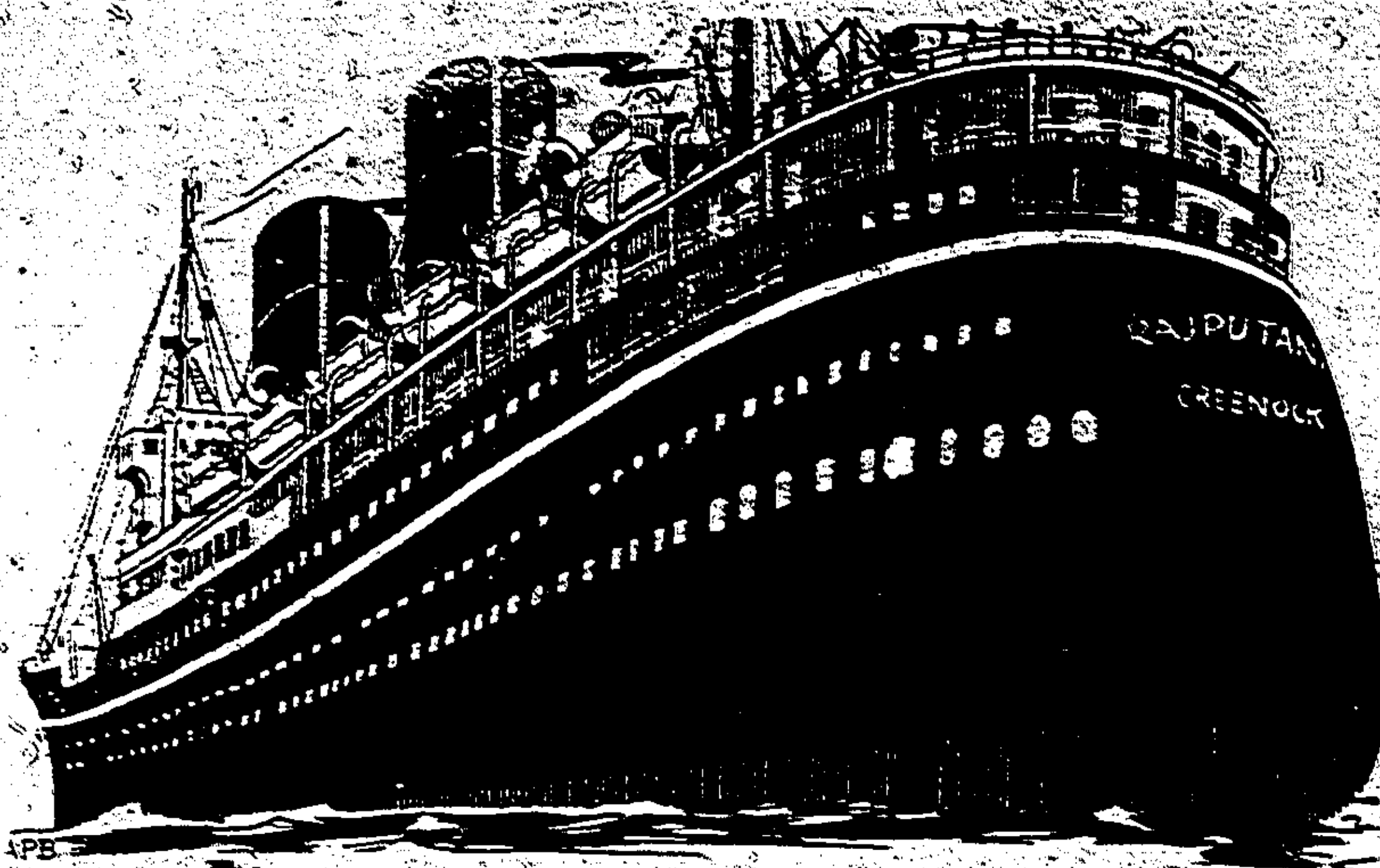
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HIYE MARU	Saturday	25th Dec.	
HEIAN MARU	Saturday	22nd Jan. (1938)	
NEW YORK via Panama			
INOTO MARU	Friday	31st Dec.	
INAKO MARU	Monday	24th Jan. (1938)	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.			
RAKUYO MARU	Wednesday	12th Jan. (1938)	
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM			
KATORI MARU	Saturday	18th Dec.	
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday	1st Jan. (1938)	
YASUKUNI MARU	Friday	14th Jan. (1938)	
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, and Marseilles.			
TDURBAN MARU	Monday	10th Jan. (1938)	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports			
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday	25th Dec.	
KITANO MARU	Saturday	22nd Jan. (1938)	
BOMBAY			
TOYAMA MARU	Monday	27th Dec.	
HAOKODATE MARU	Monday	10th Jan. (1938)	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon			
TRYUN MARU	Saturday	25th Dec.	
Kobe & YOKOHAMA (Omitting S'hai).			
HAKONE MARU	Friday	17th Dec.	
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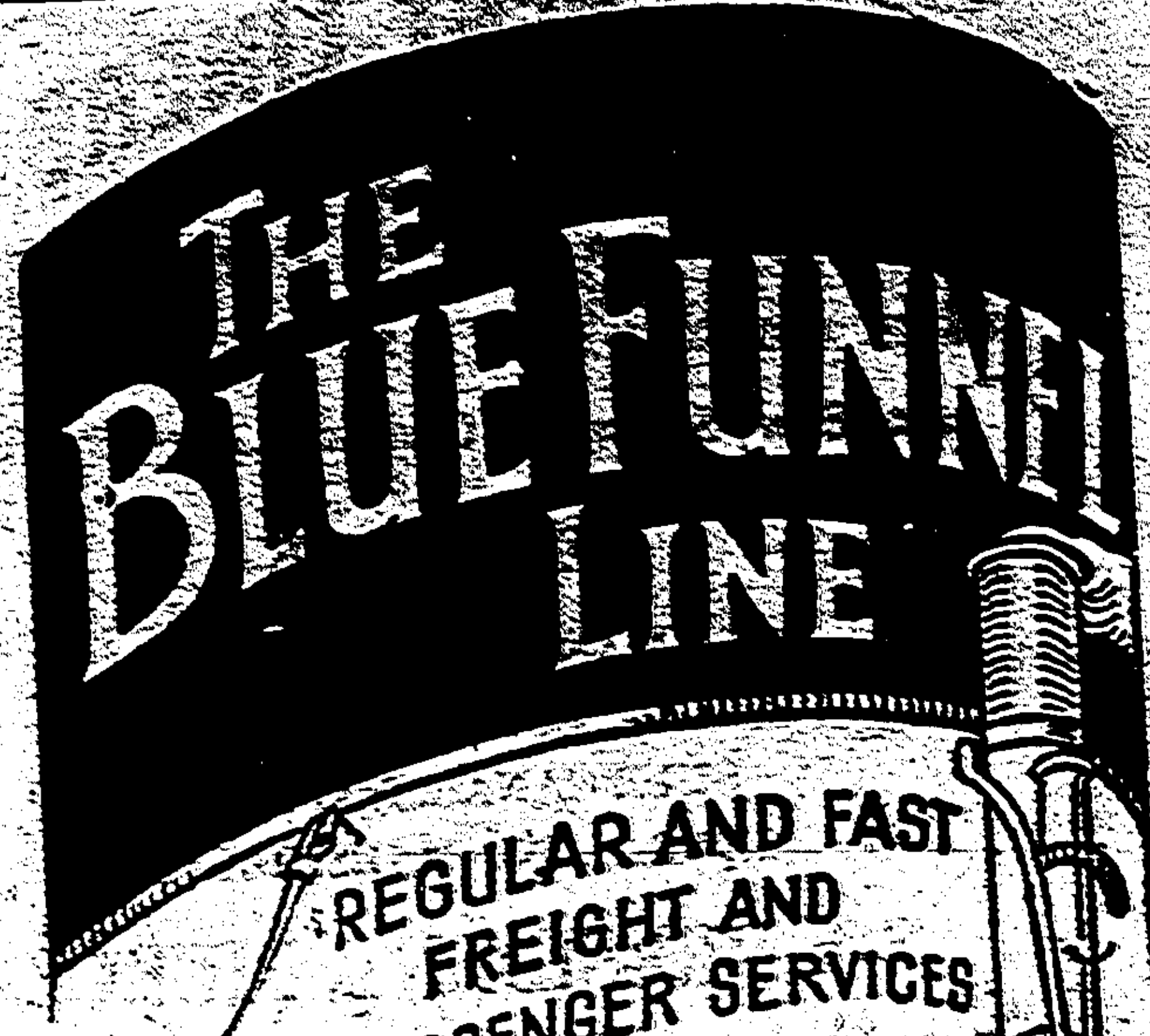
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Santos Maru	Sun.	2nd Jan.	
Rio de Janeiro Maru	Fri.	5th Feb.	
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARRESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo			
Arizuna Maru	Tues.	4th Jan. 1938	
Arabia Maru	Thurs.	4th Feb.	
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.			
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon			
Hamburg Maru	Thurs.	20th Jan.	
JAPAN via Takao and Keelung.			
JAPAN PORTS via Dairen			
Himalaya Maru	Tues.	11th Jan. 1938.	
KEELUNG via TAKAO			
Hong Kong Maru	Sat.	24th Dec.	

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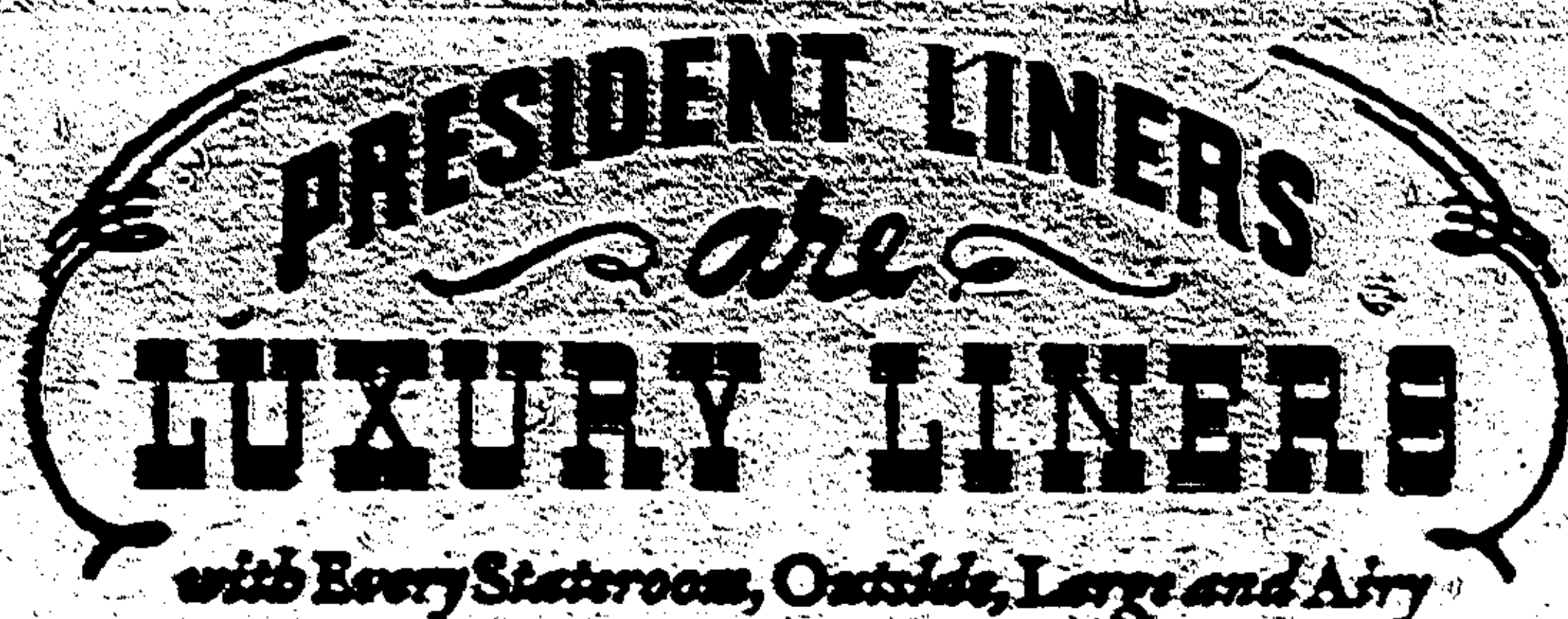
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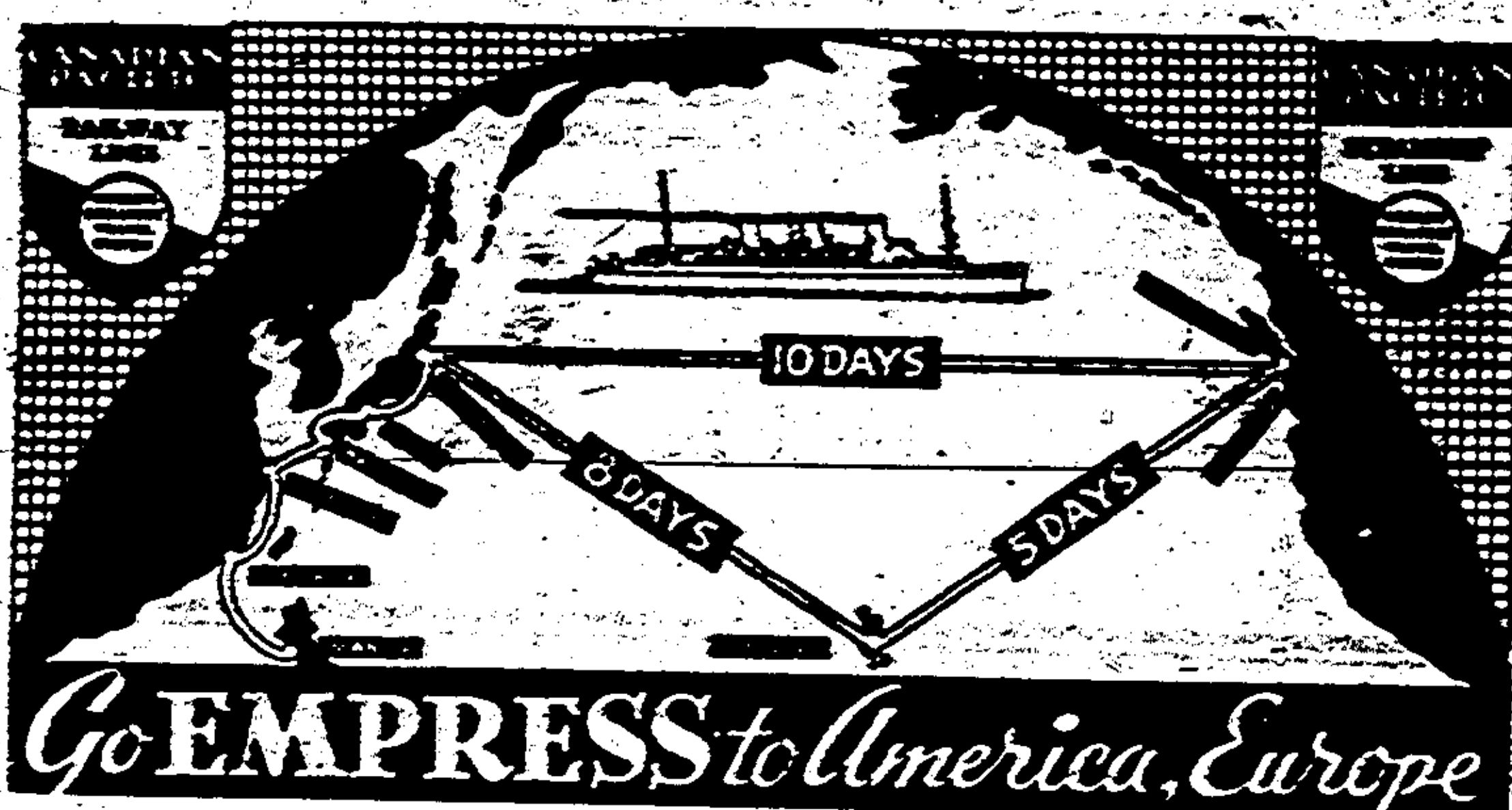
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Russia	Jan. 26	Jan. 28	Jan. 30	Feb. 1	Feb. 3	—	Feb. 12
Japan	Feb. 8	Feb. 10	—	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 21	Feb. 26

RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 24, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

SAILING TO MANILA

Empress of Japan on January 14th.

Canadian Pacific

CHINA LIGHT'S NEW POWER STATION

The construction of plant adequate to deal with any increased demand for electricity, was reported by Mr. A. H. Compton, the chairman, at the annual meeting of the China Light and Power Company held this morning at St. George's Building.

Mr. Compton said:—
Gentlemen, The Directors of your Company are glad to have been able to place before you a satisfactory account of the past year's working and it will be seen that the net profits have increased from \$895,637.45 to \$952,104.54.

I am sure you will wish me to thank our Manager and Staff (both European and Chinese) for their unsparing efforts to further your interests. I would specially mention that most arduous work resulted from the unprecedented typhoon in September but all difficulties were successfully overcome.

In view of the continued increase in the demand for electricity, your Directors felt that it was prudent to construct at this time a larger power house than was at first contemplated, in order to provide for the installation later on of further generating plant as required. With the power house which we are now building, we shall be able to instal additional plant with very little inconvenience and practically no disturbance to the plant operating in the building. It is easy to understand that to have building operations going on as an extension to a power house in which we have valuable and delicate machinery in operation is highly undesirable.

As my predecessor in the Chair mentioned, orders were placed last year for a 12,500 K. W. Turbo-Alternator and for a 120,000-lb. Boiler, and I am glad to say that we may look forward to those being in operation by next Autumn.

NEW POWER STATION

In order to provide funds for our expenditure in connection with the new power station, it seemed expedient to offer to shareholders at \$5 per share a new issue of shares in the proportion of one to nine, and I feel sure that this will have had your approval. It was decided to call up \$2.50 per share will be called up when required but it is not anticipated that this will be earlier than the end of next June.

The figures you have before you justify your Directors in recommending a dividend of 50 cents per share. In doing this, I should like just to say that, whilst we see no reason to think that we shall not be able to maintain this rate of dividend, yet in times so full of uncertainties it is well that shareholders should realise that a falling off in our earnings would make it necessary to reduce the dividend.

It occurs to me that it will probably interest shareholders to know that this Company is in the fortunate position of having ample supplies of coal both in stock and to come.

I now propose—
That the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, that a Dividend of 50 cents per share on the "old" shares and 37.47 cents per share on the 1936 Issue shares be declared in respect of the financial year ended 30th September, 1937, and that the undivided profits, after the transfer of \$80,000 to Reserve re General Managers' Rights, be carried forward.

After this has been seconded, I will answer questions from shareholders before putting the Resolution to the Meeting.

Mr. S. M. Bander seconded and the report and accounts were unanimously passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. L. Kadoorie were re-elected directors on the proposition of Mr. Fullerton, seconded by Mr. J. Edgar and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. J. M. Jack, seconded by Mr. K. C. Mark. The following attended:—Mr. A. H. Compton, chairman, Mr. E. Kadoorie, Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., Mr. Law, Mr. Kadoorie, Hon. Mr. K. Lo, Mr. D. W. Munton, manager, Mr. L. Fullerton, attorney for Mr. Felix A. N. Murray, deputy manager, Mr. Noel Joseph.

GERMANY NOT FISHING IN TROUBLED WATERS

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Relations between China and Germany after formation of the "provisional government" in Peiping, are dealt with in a leading article in the "China Press" to-day.

Germany, says the paper, has always wished to see a strong and flourishing China, having lent her material assistance, and will certainly not now selfishly fish in troubled waters in the Far East.

That Germany has abstained from negotiations which could upset Sino-German relations, is shown by her foreign policy, as she has always respected Chinese integrity.

The paper says that China will never forget the services of the German military advisers, and the visit of the German Ambassador to General Chiang Kai-shek with the object of finding a means of putting an end to the present hostilities. — Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

SHIPPING

Douglases \$48½ b.
H. K. Steamboats \$3.20 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and W. Docks \$28¼ s.
PUBLIC UTILITIES

China Lights (Old) C.R. \$11 b.
China Lights (New) C.R. \$10.80 b.
H. K. Electrics \$52 s.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$12¼ s.
MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$5 b.
China Lights Rights \$5 b., \$5 sa.
Hong Kong Mines 13 cts. s.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong dollar this morning was 1/2½.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18-15/16 and "forward" at 18-5/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at 2—U.S.\$4.9960 and the New York on London rate at 2—U.S.\$4.99-13/16.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan/March — — —
April/June 24-¾ b. down ¼.
July/Sept. — — —
Market: Flat.

Braga, secretary, and the following shareholders, Messrs. S. M. Bander, A. H. Ellis, H. Summers, J. J. Edgar, Mak Kim-fan, Ezra Abraham, J. M. Jack, J. A. de S. Alvares, C. M. Silva, E. K. Mak, King Cheong, Fung Wing-hing, P. C. Potts, Chua Seng-choo, Wong Wai-cho, Lo Pak-hon, Quon Leung-sik, Mrs. Quon Shu-lan and Mr. N. Murray, deputy manager, Mr. Noel Joseph.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING COOPERATION

London, Yesterday.
The principle of continued international cooperation in the shipping industry was unanimously accepted at a private meeting of the International Shipping Conference in London.

Britain, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Jugoslavia, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden took part, and expressions of willingness to continue cooperation were received from other countries including Belgium, Canada, Italy and Poland.

The resolution approved the scheme of voluntary cooperation adopted by the British tramp ship-owners to come into operation on January 1st as the basis of international cooperation, subject to consideration of points of detail.

The resolution added that it was prepared to recommend the National Association in each country to take appropriate steps to make such cooperation effective in the form agreeable to each nation concerned, so that if any breach of cooperation should take place the National Association concerned could deal decisively with it itself.

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Sir Richard Holt, President of the British Chamber of Shipping, said that 1937 had been a boom year and the improvement reached its peak in September.

Since then there had been a sharp decline and all the qualities that contributed to the success of cooperation in 1935 and onwards would be needed to reserve and make it effective in future.—British Wireless.

U.S. TRADE PACT WITH ITALY

Washington, Yesterday.

The American trade pact with Italy, which expired a few days ago, was prolonged to-day by

GERMANS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Prague, Yesterday.

Position of the German minority in Czecho-Slovakia was discussed by M. Yvon Delbos when the French Foreign Minister visited Prague, with two German minority delegates.

The discussion took place during a reception given by the Czech Foreign Minister, Dr. Krofta. Rumours followed the meeting that Berlin and Paris might discuss the minority question and try to arrive at some arrangement to patch up this old dispute.—Trans-Ocean.

M. VAN ZEELAND'S TRADE MISSION

Rome, Yesterday.

The former Belgian Prime Minister, M. Paul van Zeeland, is in Rome for a short visit.

While in the Italian capital he will collect information in connection with the economic mission entrusted him by Britain and the United States.—Trans-Ocean.

signature of a provisional agreement.

The provisional agreement will remain in force until a new trade pact, concerning which negotiations have been going on for several months, has been concluded.—Trans-Ocean.

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SENIOR SHIELD HOLDERS TRIUMPH

South China "A" Defeat Police By Four Clear Goals

DISAPPOINTING DISPLAY ON CLUB GROUND

LOSERS MUST FIND THREE INSIDE FORWARDS

(By "OUTSIDE LEFT")

SOUTH CHINA "A", holders of the Senior Shield, yesterday entered the Second Round of the series when they beat the Police by four clear goals after a goalless first half, in one of the poorest Shield games in recent years.

THE POLICE MISSED THE SERVICES OF THREE GOOD INSIDE FORWARDS. GREEN WAS A HOPELESS FAILURE AT INSIDE-RIGHT AND COULD ACHIEVE NOTHING DESPITE SEVERAL GLORIOUS OPENINGS, WHILE WILLERTON, IN THE CENTRE-FORWARD BERTH, WAS A PASSENGER. HOWLETT, THE INSIDE-LEFT, PLAYED A FORAGING GAME AND CONSEQUENTLY WAS NEVER POSITIONED IN THE ATTACK FOR A SHOT AT GOAL. MOSS, ON THE LEFT-WING WASTED TOO MUCH TIME BEFORE CENTRING, ALTHOUGH T. PILE, ON THE OPPOSITE WING, DISPLAYED MORE INITIATIVE AND SEVERAL OF HIS CENTRES SHOULD HAVE SEEN A BETTER FATE.

South China were also right off form and their forwards could do nothing right in the first half, dilly-dally methods in the penalty area nullifying many glorious approaching movements. Lai Shiu-wing, at inside-right, was hopelessly out of the picture until late in the second-half, and the number of openings he bungled in the first half were legion.

Tang Kwong-sum, on the right-defence, displayed a fine burst of speed when called upon, and sent across several grand centres, while he was twice unlucky not to have scored in the second half, one of his terrific "daisy-cutters" hitting the right upright from an oblique angle.

PATCHY WINGER

Cheong Moon-wing, on South China's left wing, was good in patches, although his centring in the second half was lacking in a sense of direction, and, with the inside forwards well-placed, often saw his efforts swing away from them, either too far ahead or vice versa.

Cheuk Shek-kam, at inside-left, was very poor and gave Fung King-cheong very little support, the majority of his through passes going astray, while his short lobs were nearly always intercepted.

FUNG'S BIG SHARE

Fung King-cheong, in the centre-forward position, was again the brains of the attack, but it was not until midway in the second-half before he brought about the Police defeat.

Carrying the responsibility for the success of his attacking formation, Fung made a grand job of his task and in the closing minutes of the game tied the Police defenders into knots from which they found difficulty extricating themselves.

ON DOWNWARD GRADE

Both intermediate lines were mediocre, with Brittain, in the Police, pivotal berth, taking the honours. The South China halves wasted valuable time in attempting to make their opponents look silly, and were not always successful. Lau Tin-sang, at right-half, was poor in both

defence and attack, and rarely gave Tang Kwong-sum a decent pass, while Leung Wing-chiu, in the pivotal berth, did not show up in his best colours until midway through the second period. Lee Kwok-wai, on the left-flank, put in much useful work in spoiling, although it was evident that he has already given us his best and is on the downward grade.

Morrison, the Police right-half, seemed to be injured early in the game and consequently was never at ease against the fast and tricky South China left-wing combination, while North, at right-half, rendered more than useful assistance in breaking up the dangerous Chinese right-wing movements towards the closing minutes of the first half, although he fell away in the latter stages.

COLONY CUSTODIAN?

Outstanding in the Police team was Manning, their goalkeeper, who bids fair to secure Colony honours. His anticipation was good and he never lost his head when confronted by a solitary attacker. Many will probably blame him for South China's third goal, when he advanced out of his charge as Chris Pile tried to prevent Lai Shiu-wing from taking the ball, but the mistake, if anybody's was Pile's as he should have concentrated on clearing the ball instead of trying to keep the South China inside-right from playing it while still 20 yards from goal. The result was that Lai secured possession, and stepped to one side as Manning was almost on him, and tapped the ball into the net from 15 yards!

Bone and Pile, who comprised the Police full-back division, were not ideal partners and rarely cover-

ed each other's advances up the field effectively, Bone's wild clearances often causing apprehension among the Police defenders.

SPLENDID BACKS

South China must thank their two backs for their share in the team's victory as both cleared their line in magnificent style, although there were one or two very rare occasions when Mak was guilty of not covering Lee in a melee, in their own goal-mouth. Chiu Siu-hong, in South China's goal, played a confident game and prevented several goals by gathering the ball from the toes of Willerton and Green.

THREE QUICK GOALS

After a goalless first-half, Fung initiated a movement which saw a centre from Cheong Moon-wing trapped by Cheuk Shek-kam a few yards from the Police goal. As Bone charged Cheuk, the latter tapped the ball to Lai who opened the scoring into the corner of the net.

Soon after Bone handled in the area and Fung had no difficulty in placing South China two goals in the lead, while the third goal arrived when Fung sent the ball up ahead of Lai Shiu-wing and Chris Pile, the former netting after he had gained possession just as Manning left his charge and bore down on him, the ball trickling into the net from 15 yards.

A few minutes from time a fine concerted movement saw Cheuk Shek-kam add South China's fourth and last goal. The match was witnessed by a fairly large gathering of spectators.

Mr. R. M. Omar capably refereed the game and the teams were:

South China "A"—Chiu Siu-hong; Mak Shui-hon and Lee Tin-sang; Lau Tin-sang, Leung Wing-chiu and Lee Kwok-wai; Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shiu-wing, Fung King-cheong, Cheuk Shek-kam and Cheong Moon-wing.

Police—Manning, C. Bone and C. Pile; Morrison, Brittain and North; T. Pile, Green, Willerton, Howlett and Moss.



Most famous of all jockeys, Steve Donoghue, rode his last race on Nov. 28 on Lord Derby's "Highlander" at Manchester. Photo shows—Steve Donoghue, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, going out for his last race. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail)

IMPORTANT BADMINTON ENCOUNTER

CHINESE "Y" MEET UNIVERSITY "A"

WONG AND CHNG MUST BE AT BEST

Three fixtures in the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League are scheduled for this evening. The encounters between King's College and Recreio "B", and the Chinese "Y" and the University "A" will probably attract the majority of local badminton followers.

It will be recalled that on December 11 last, the Chinese "Y" were surprisingly swamped by Recreio "A" to the tune of 7 games to 2.

To-night the defeated team will meet the holders of the Championship, University "A", and if Patrick Wong, the Colony Singles Champion and mainstay of the Chinese "Y" combination, again fails, with the support of his partner C. E. Chng, to win their three games, all hopes of even gaining the runners-up position in the League will be shattered.

The University "A" are fielding their strongest team. The majority of their former players who could not turn out at the beginning of the season owing to examinations, have consented to play this evening.

The following is the programme:
University "B" v Recreio "A" (8 p.m.)
Recreio "B" v King's College (6 p.m.)
Chinese Y.M.C.A. v University "A" (8 p.m.)

GOOD DIVIDENDS PAID AT FANLING'S FIRST MEETING

MISS LOIS FEARON WINS THE LADIES' SCURRY

H.E. GOVERNOR ATTENDS

HIS Excellency the Governor attended the opening meet of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club held in glorious weather yesterday. Although entries were under the usual number, an excellent afternoon's sport was enjoyed and the dividends were fairly good, especially that of Benerth which, in the second race ran nowhere and then came out and beat a good field of cross country ponies in the December Country Cup to pay \$64 for a win. Miss Lois Fearon won the Ladies Scurry with King's Worthy.

In his first start of the season, Mr. L. Reidy put up Widnes for a win in the Ambulance Cup, assisted to no small extent by Browning who did well considering he was left without a whip throughout the race. Jack O'Lantern, the hot pot in the betting, succeeded in picking up third place behind Ike.

Fast time was registered in the Ladies Scurry, the last event on the card. Miss Lois Fearon who rode King's Worthy made a quick getaway, and was soon in command with no chance of being overhauled in spite of a hard try by Miss Pam Scott-Harston who had her pony Araxy within two lengths or so of the leader for more of the run.

Crazy little China Clipper was compelled to keep his mind on the business by Miss Beryl Fair who handled him with great judgment and landed him in third place.

Won With Reserve

There was a good turn out in the December Country Cup, which was won in magnificent style by Archer, who rode his own pony Benerth.

Well up in the front practically the whole way, Archer did some good work at the finish and had no difficulty in running in an easy winner with plenty in reserve.

Butcher crashed on the The Minx but luckily escaped injury.

THE RESULTS

1—"The Canberra Handicap"—1½ miles. A steeplechase for Australian Ponies.
Mr. M. M. Watson's Glorious Star (Feilden) 1
Mr. A. H. Pott's Juliette (Davis) 2
Mr. R. D. Mackenzie's Luck Glitters (Mackenzie) 3
Won by many lengths; many lengths.
Time—3.22.4.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$9.50. Places \$7; \$9.80.

2—"The Ambulance Cup"—1¼ miles. A hurdle race for China Ponies. Weight 163 lbs. Winners of a hurdle race last season 5 lbs. penalty. Winners of a steeplechase last season barred.
Mr. L. Reidy's Widnes (163 lbs.) (Browning) 1
Mr. B. C. Field's Ike (163 lbs.) (Gregory) 2
Mr. J. P. Murphy's Jack O'Lantern (163 lbs.) (Davis) 3
Won by half a length; three lengths.
Time—3.05.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$26.30. Places \$8.70; \$10.80; \$7.80.

3—"The Taipo Handicap"—1½ miles.—A steeplechase for China Ponies.
Mr. L. J. A. Feilden's Estover (168 lbs.) (Feilden) 1
Mr. H. H. M. Oliver's Double Chance (152 lbs.) (Davis) 2
Won by five lengths.
Time—3.42.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$7.70. Places \$7.10.

4—"The December Country Cup"—Over the Country Course finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies. Winners of a hurdle race or steeplechase last season barred. Catch-weight 168 lbs.
Oddish's Benerth (Archer) 1
Mr. Erik Nelson's Magnolia (Davis) 2
Mr. G. P. Ferguson's Jock Scott (Ferguson) 3

Won by one and a half lengths; two lengths.
Time—8.06.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$64.50. Places \$16.50; \$13.70; \$7.70.

5—"The Ladies' Scurry"—½ mile. For China Ponies. Weight 150 lbs. Ponies that have started at this meeting 10 lbs. allowance. Winners of a steeplechase last season and winners at this meeting barred. To be ridden by ladies.

W. T. Stanton's King's Worthy (167 lbs.) (Miss Fearon) 1
Miss Scott Harston's Araxy (150 lbs.) (Miss Scott Harston) 2
B. F.'s China Clipper (140 lbs.) (Miss Fair) 3
Won by three lengths; five lengths.
Time—1.02.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$19.30. Places \$6.60; \$6.10; \$8.40.

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" 131		38.10
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Race 2		
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" 250		102.34
" 199		51.17
Unplaced ponies (\$25. each): Nos. 266, 158, 172.		
Ambulance Cup		
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" 35625		1,714.45
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Race 3		
No. 244		\$456
" 223		152
Race 4		
No. 372		\$446.80
" 187		127.60
" 49		63.80
Unplaced ponies (\$25. each): Nos. 306, 156, 32, 85, 63, 72, 52.		
Race 5		
No. 139		\$434.38
" 236		122.60
" 100		61.30
Unplaced ponies (\$25. each): Nos. 468, 387, 203, 479, 237.		

FARR LEAVES FOR UNITED STATES

London, To-day.

Tommy Farr, the British and Empire heavyweight champion, who will go into training at New York for his bout on January 21 with James Braddock, left Southampton on Saturday afternoon on board the "Normandie"—Trans-Ocean.

O.E.C. MARTON ONCE AGAIN CHAMPION

BEATS D. S. EDWARD
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FINAL

O. E. C. Marton and D. S. Edward played off the final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's championship over 36 holes on the Old Course at Fanling yesterday, the former winning a splendid encounter by 5 and 4.

At the halfway stage, Marton was one up and Edward continued to make a good fight of it until he missed a holeable putt at the seventh. Thereafter he cracked and did not win another hole till the thirteenth. Marton by then was in a safe position and won at the fourteenth by five up and four to play.

Before the start of the afternoon round, the new Captain of the Club, G. S. Archbutt, played himself in. There was a much smaller attendance of caddies than usual. His drive of no mean length, but slightly pushed out, was for a change, pounced on by quite a small caddie who received the usual dollar award—just as the somewhat belated "gun" went off.

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RECREIO'S CRICKET WIN OVER C.C.C.

Gosano Brothers In Limelight

In a friendly cricket match at King's Park yesterday Club de Recreio beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 31 runs. L. Gosano capturing 4 wickets for 19 runs, while E. Gosano had 3 for 9.

Craigengower: 86. (G. A. Souza 15, E. Zimniern 15, L. Gosano 4 for 19, E. Gosano 3 for 9).

Recreio: 117. (A. M. Rodrigues 35, W. A. Reed 33, A. K. Ismail 6 for 36).

TOMMY FARR AND HIS FUTURE

London, November 22.—Tommy Farr, British and Empire heavy-weight champion, is willing to accept an offer made to him by a German promoter to fight Walter Nensel in Hamburg next year.

"I am waiting for Mike Jacobs to let me know how things are standing before I can definitely close with the promoter," he said on Saturday. If there is anywhere I want to fight it is in London before I have another crack at the world title against the winner of the Louis-Schmeling fight, probably next September."

BRADMAN'S INFLUENCE ON ATTENDANCES

Sydney, November 24.

The extraordinary influence which Don Bradman's batting has on attendances at Australian cricket matches is reflected in the disappointing financial result of the New Zealanders' tour here.

Bradman's dismissal early in the game at Adelaide seriously affected the attendance in the afternoon, while the foregone result of the Sydney match had a similar effect on the size of last week's crowd.

The result is that the New Zealanders' tour of Australia, which was intended partly to offset the loss of their



England tour last summer, has paid only half the additional expenses incurred.

New South Wales officials feel that Bradman's undue influence on attendances is unhealthy, but recognise that they cannot hope for large crowds except at matches in which Bradman is playing.

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ENGLAND TEAM TAKING SHAPE

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, November 10.

THIS afternoon Surrey meet Kent at Blackheath, and if the Surrey forwards play as they did against Middlesex last week, the old-timers in the crowd will enjoy themselves immensely. I am not quite so pessimistic about the future of scrummaging as some of my correspondents.

"The modern forward," says one of them, "has become, by a natural process of evolution, an invertebrate creature. Without backbone or spinal column, that is to say, a splay-footed buckler. In your young days there was talk of hollow backs and bent knees, and you forwards shoved with your noses as near the mud as possible. But you needed backbones for that."

We did try to keep our noses down, it is true, and a rounded back was a criminal offence, but there are plenty of forwards still playing who bear the same precepts in mind. The work of such packs as Surrey, Bedford, Coventry and Bristol are sufficient evidence of this.

Here is another straw in the wind which seems to me encouraging. In an account of the school match between Haileybury and Tonbridge last Saturday I notice that the Haileybury forwards were highly commended because they repeatedly saved their own line by wheeling the scrum and taking the ball away in fine concerted rushes.

If school coaches are concentrating again on the fundamental arts of scrummaging the future is indeed hopeful.

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

This brings me to a point worth emphasising. We are, I think, beginning to appreciate the necessity for sound scrummaging, and I have seen much fine forward work this season, particularly in the loose. The improvement, however, is still in its very early stages.

The Coventry, Bedford and Surrey packs, for example, are devastatingly quick on the ball. They back one another up in their rushes, much as the Scottish forwards used to before scrummaging was corroded by misapplied specialisation.

This is all to the good, and it suggests that the forward, tired of acting merely as a glorified drain-pipe, is at last coming into his own again.

IS ANOTHER

Even so, I have not yet seen a scrummaging pack in the fullest sense of the term. Combined endeavour in the open is one thing. A scrummaging machine in controlled operation is another.

Our forwards, in short, must go a step further, and vary their tactics. The quick heel from tight and loose, as Cliff Jones has pointed out, is the essential preliminary to constructive back play, and it can only be procured by intelligently applied shoving.

The forwards, in fact, control the application of tactics, but they can do far more than give the backs chances for orthodox attack. By scrummaging they can add the vital element of surprise which bewilders a defence and draws it out of position.

Even on a dry day, the straight shove and the wheel in attack, followed by the lightning heel from the loose, are variations on stereotyped strategy which keep the opposing backs in a state of acute apprehension.

TEMPORARY PHASE?

I will not labour the argument further, though it would be splendid if a club, county or university pack could fully develop the implications of scrummaging. How strange it is, incidentally, to find that Cambridge, with their grand attacking players in midfield, are apparently forsaking the true gospel and dissipating their forward energies.

I cannot believe that this is more than a temporary phase, for there are some fine players in the Cambridge pack. And they must realise that together they stand, but divided into individual units they are liable to fall rather heavily from grace.

PERPLEXING LAWS

In the meanwhile, what about these perplexing scrummage laws? Two correspondents, writing with authority, have asked me to point out that the revisions made this year were intended to simplify the laws, and ensure that the ball should be put in cleanly and without delay.

By insisting that the scrum-half should pitch the ball in at moderate speed, it was hoped that outside forwards would realise they could not hook, and apply themselves instead to shoving. A legal heel by the middle man should follow, and referees could thank their stars and let the game proceed.

The President of the Rugby Union has been dealing with this matter somewhat forcibly. It is, he says, "inexcusable and most deplorable" that in many games scrum-halves are still permitted to roll the ball in along the ground. So it is, to be sure, but I dare say the meaning and intention of Law 15 (G) will penetrate in due course.

NOT A POLICEMAN!

One well-known referee, by the way, dislikes being regarded as a policeman. He should not be forced, he argues, to penalise persistent offenders.

TRIANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The following team will represent the 1st XI of the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Army in the Triangular Tournament on Wednesday December 22nd at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground at King's Park. V. M. Benwell; R. A. Wallace, E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed; J. E. Potter; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt), B. I. Bickford, V. Bond.

Such habitual or deliberate offenders should never be allowed to play. The responsibility for dealing with them lies with selection committees. The referee's function, in his view, is simply to co-operate with players of good-will in interpreting the spirit of the laws. Clean up the game, in fact, and bring us to a Rugby Utopia, where referees and players may agree in sweet reasonableness. Perhaps a little joint study of the laws is necessary first.

Finally, what about the England team, now that the selectors are settling down to serious consideration? They should find the forwards easily enough. There are plenty of solid scrummagers about, and among the back-row experts A. Seaton and E. A. Hamilton-Hill are in particularly fine fettle this year.

What of the half-backs, though? J. C. Giles and F. J. Reynolds — who returns to England on December 17 — B. C. Gadney and J. R. Auty, who will be playing together in club football? J. D. Low and — a shot in the dark — W. S. Kemble?

OBOLSKY'S FORM

The three-quarter line will cause selectorial headaches, though A. Obolsky's return to form is encouraging, and it is comforting to know that, among others, H. D. Freakes and R. A. Gerrard appear to be ready to step very competently into H. G. Owen-Smith's shoes at full-back. I should not care to forecast England's back division yet awhile, but it would be interesting to have your views about it.

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There was little to choose between the two teams, the Sappers being a shade better in the attack. Land was outstanding in the Sappers' defence. Playing at centre-half, he was prominent with his interceptions and ball control, and kept his forwards well supplied with passes. His shooting from all angles was always dangerous.

Dixon, the Navy pivot, was also good and rivalled Land. He had a more difficult task as he was opposed to the three fast and clever forwards, but he performed his work well.

Tudor was another Sapper to shine. Playing at left-back he saved his side on many occasions by sound tackling, while his clearances were always good.

In the forward line, Dunderidge and Jones shone, but the robust tackling of Tozer and Muir, the Navy backs, did not give them much chance of having a shot at goal.

Gardner, on the Navy left-wing, was the fastest of their forwards. He displayed good ball control.

The Engineers opened the scoring in the first half when Jones headed the ball into the net from a free kick taken by Land. Ten minutes from the end Wright equalised from a centre from Gardner. Extra time produced no further goals though both goals had narrow escapes.

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(By "SHORTSTOP")

From their enviable position at the top of the League, the Vets Softball Club, by virtue of their two wins yesterday, are almost sure of winning the local pennant and the Mayo Trophy. They have only two more games to play and should win both of them.

In their first game yesterday, against the Canadian Chinese, they won by 6 runs to 2. Chow Young, first string pitcher, excelled himself again by striking out 15, and his fielders helped him out by only making one error. They were a little too much for their opponents, and the Canadian Chinese were held scoreless for eight innings. In the second game of their double-header, the Vets defeated the weak Machine Gun team by 18 runs to 4.

GEES WIN AGAIN

On the heels of their first victory last Sunday, the Machine Gunners did it again by taking the Forum to camp by the small margin of one run, 7 to 6. Porter's boys played a very good game, while Rapley in the outfield, shone with his brilliant fielding. This is the first game in the local League when a real Softball was used. The distance between bases were accordingly lengthened, and the size of the Central British Association's ground helped in making this game the success that it was.

All the participants in this game were in favour of the faster action of the 12 inch ball and it is a certainty that the official Softball ruling will be authorised by the League next season.

FILIPINOS WIN

After giving the Filipino Club a score by a 4-4 tie in the fifth inning, and an 8-8 tie in the eighth, the Central British lost their grip in the last inning and allowed the Filipinos to take a seven run lead which overwhelmed them. The C.B.A. were instrumental in the only double-play of the morning: Gurevitch catching a fly and assisting S. Fowler for a put-out in the eighth inning.

MEETING TO-DAY

There will be a meeting of the H.K. Softball League to-day at 5:30 p.m., at the Cecil Hotel when the business of the day will be a discussion on the proposed International Softball Series. As this meeting is an important one, all managers or their deputies are urgently requested to attend.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND GOAL SCORERS

SENIOR SHIELD		KOWLOON	
ST. JOSEPHS	1	White	2
Gomes		EASTERN	
CLUB	1	Lee Tack-kee, Han Chang-to.	
Fowler			
FIRST DIVISION		MIDDLESEX	
KOWLOON CHINESE	0	Grogan, Pearson, Saw.	3
JUNIOR SHIELD		CLUB	
SEAFORTHS	5	Duncan	1
Lindsay J. Jamieson		ORDNANCE	2
KOWLOON	1	Munton, Scadding	0
Ferguson		EASTERN	2
SOUTH CHINA	2	Mellor, Hammond	2
Yau Wa-hing, Lau Fook-chuen		R.A.F.	2
SIGNALS	0	Collins, Allen	
PORTUGUESE S.A.	2		
Goon 2			

The detailed box scores:

VETS		CANADIAN CHINESE CLUB	
AB	R H PO A E	AB	R H PO A E
Earl Wong 3b	5 1 2 1 1 1	B. Ing 3b	4 0 0 3 4 1
Bob Jan ss	5 0 0 3 1 0	G. White cf	4 0 0 1 0 1
C. Young p	5 1 2 1 2 1	A. Lau 2b	4 0 1 5 0 2
T. Chan 1b	5 0 1 5 0 0	Nazarin ss	3 1 1 3 1 2
Abe Liu 2b	5 0 1 1 0 0	Woo 1b	4 1 2 5 0 0
Nip Lum c	5 1 1 16 0 0	Herb Quon p	4 0 0 0 2 1
Roy Lau rf	4 1 0 0 0 0	G. G. Lee lf	3 0 0 0 1 0
P. F. Choy cf	4 1 1 0 0 0	Delgado c	3 0 0 9 0 0
T. Ma lf	4 1 3 0 0 0	E. Bum rf	3 0 1 0 0 1
	42 6 11 27 4 2		33 2 5 27 8 8

Score by innings:

Runs:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Hits:	1 0 0 1 0 0 2 2 0 = 6
	1 0 0 1 2 0 2 3 2 = 11

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Three base hits—Woo.

Home runs—Earl Wong and Woo.

Struck out by Quon—7; by Young—15.

Umpires—Gurevitch and MacNider.

Scorer—W. A. Smith.

FILIPINO CLUB

Pedring 1b	3 3 1 3 0 1
Bautista 3b	6 1 2 2 0 0
Paulino 2b	6 1 1 3 3 1
Luis c	5 3 3 11 0 0
Fidel lf	6 2 4 0 0 1
Jose ss	6 1 4 1 2 2
Pabing cf	5 2 2 1 0 3
Loyola p	5 1 1 0 6 0
Andoy rf	4 1 1 0 0 1
	46 15 19 27 11 9

Score by innings:

Runs:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Hits:	1 0 3 0 0 2 2 0 7 = 15
	3 0 3 1 1 1 2 9 8 = 19

C. B. A.

S. Fowler 3b	5 1 1 1 3 0
Manning rf	5 3 1 3 9 0
Muir 2b	5 1 2 3 2 0
G. Fowler lf	5 0 3 1 0 0
MacNider p, ss	5 0 0 0 4 0
Whitley c	5 0 0 0 5 0
Gurevitch ss, p	5 1 1 2 3 2
Blake cf	4 1 1 2 0 0
Ted Ganbert 1b	4 1 1 10 0 0
	43 8 10 27 12 4

Score by innings:

Runs:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Hits:	0 0 1 0 3 0 2 2 0 = 8
	2 0 0 0 4 1 1 1 1 = 10

Two baggers—Pedring, Luis, Andoy and Blake.

Home runs—Luis (2); Pabing and Muir.

Double plays—8th inning: Fly by Gurevitch, and assist to Fowler.

Base on balls off MacNider—3; off Gurevitch—2.

Struck out by Gurevitch—2; by MacNider—1; by Loyola—8.

Umpires—H. Quon and G. White.

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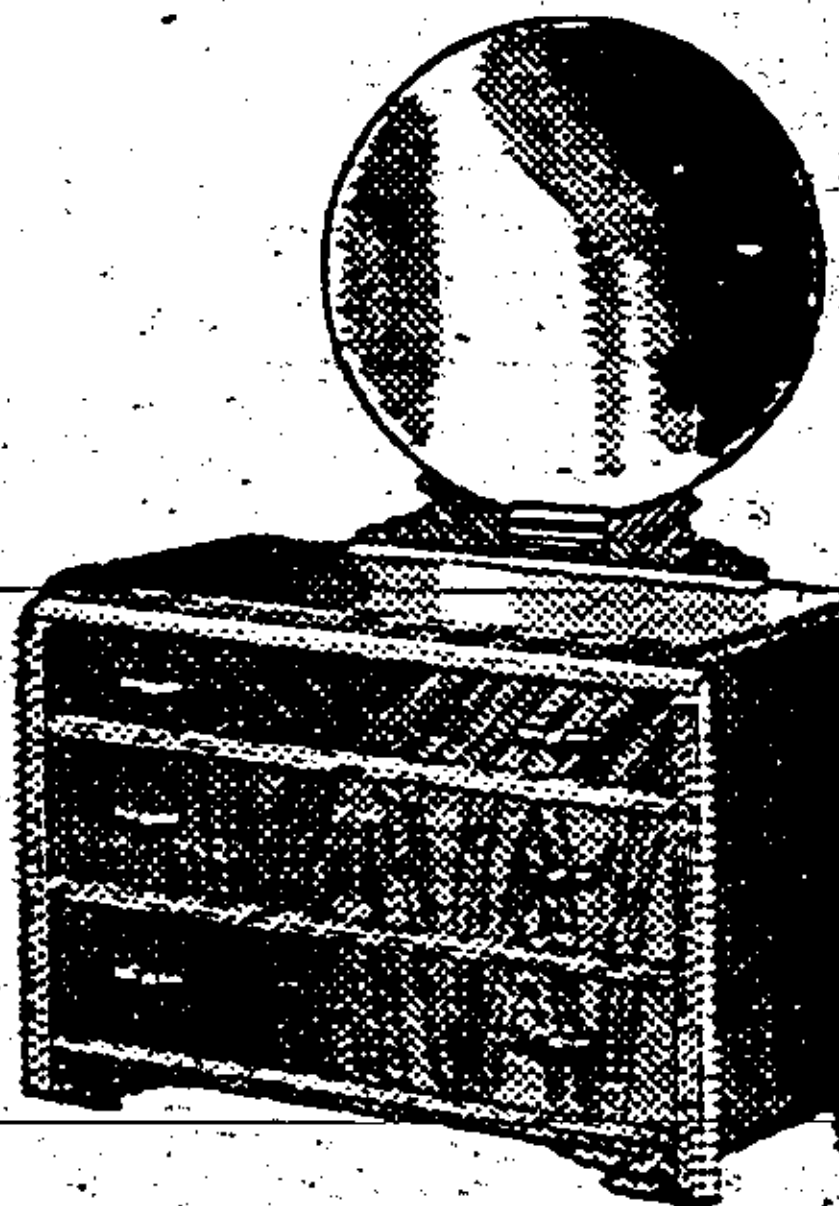
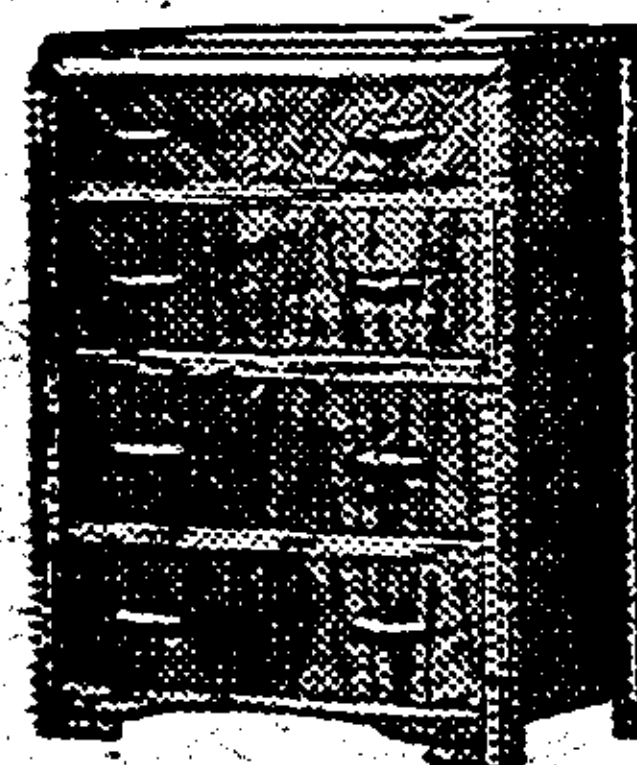
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The papers link up M. Yvon Delbos' European tour with the talks, in which he is said to have played an important part.

The following four questions, according to reports, are now under consideration by Prague and Berlin:

Drawing up of an agreement regarding the press.

Mutual settlement of the question of emigrants with the object of suppressing their political propaganda.

Authorisation of activity of the political organisation of the Nazi Party, and

Examination of cases of Sudeten Germans who have been sentenced under Czech law.—Trans-Ocean.

AIR RAID ON WUCHOW

Wuchow, To-day.

Eight Japanese planes visited Wuchow yesterday in an attempted bombing raid on the Kwangsi city.

In the face of intense A.A. fire, the planes failed to penetrate to the centre of the city and their bombs fell chiefly on the river bank opposite the town.

One bomb narrowly missed the A.P.C. installation.—Hua Nan.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Gigantic demonstrations by Italian farmers and peasants were held throughout Italy on Saturday for the purpose of introducing the campaign for economic self-sufficiency into the field of agriculture.—Trans-Ocean.

WOMAN DOCTOR AS PROFESSOR

Stockholm, To-day.

The first woman to become a professor in Sweden, Dr. Anna Schwartz, has just been made professor of medicine at Stockholm High School.—Trans-Ocean.

OIL CRISIS IN MEXICO

Mexico City, To-day.

A serious situation has arisen following the Federal Arbitration Board's decision to increase oil workers' wages and social conditions at a cost of about \$1,500,000 a year to foreign oil companies.

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It is believed here that the statement may indicate a threat to suspend operations all over Mexico.—Reuter.

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PRINCE TEH GOING TO HSINKING

Tientsin, To-day.

It is reported here that Prince Teh, the Mongolian leader, is proceeding to Hsinking shortly to pay a courtesy call on Mr. Pu Yi, the puppet Emperor.

It is expected that he will arrive on December 23 and leave on December 28.

It is also reported that the Chinese Consul-General in Seoul, Mr. Fan Shang-chen is proceeding to Peiping via Mukden "to receive instructions from the provisional government"—Our Own Correspondent.

The "China Mail" learned this afternoon that two British military officers and a Japanese military officer, named T. Suzuki, were attacked by a Chinese mob at Lokmachau yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. when visiting the border in company.

As a result of the attack which was made with bamboo poles, Mr. Suzuki is said to be in the Majima Hospital with serious injuries around the chest. One of the British military officers is said to have been slightly injured.

The party proceeded to Lokmachau by motor-car, left it on the highway and proceeded on foot to the frontier.

It appears the word was passed around among nearby Chinese residents and subsequently a mob of over 100 Chinese made for the group of officers and began to assault them with sticks and bamboo poles.

The Japanese was severely manhandled by the mob and is now lying in the Majima Hospital at Wanchai.

LUDENDORFF RELAPSE

Munich, To-day.

General Ludendorff has suffered a sudden relapse.

The aged German Great War leader has been ill for some weeks, but recently was stated to be on the road to recovery.—Reuter.

A bulletin issued in the early hours states that General Ludendorff's condition became critical overnight due to unexpected weakness of the heart.

The General had recently made such good progress that physicians yesterday were planning to allow him to leave the nursing home and return to his villa at Tutzing.—Reuter.

WEDDING OF LOCAL JOURNALIST

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Stewart Arthur Gray, of the "Hong Kong Telegraph," residing at the European Y.M.C.A., and Miss Freda Elizabeth Godfrey, school teacher, of "Clint" Furze-field Avenue, Speldhurst, Kent, England, who is en route to the Colony by the s.s. Glenapp, has been announced.

Lee Mui-Cheung, a woman residing in Shapo Road, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries received when she was knocked down by a runaway horse yesterday.

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